

# P

**p<sup>1</sup> or P** (pē) *n.*, *pl.* **p's, P's** the 16th letter of the English alphabet

**p<sup>2</sup>** *abbrev.* 1 page 2 participle 3 past 4 per 5 pint

**P<sup>1</sup>** *abbrev.* petite

**P<sup>2</sup>** *Chem. symbol for phosphorus*

**pa** (pä) *n.* [Inf.] FATHER

**PA** *abbrev.* 1 Pennsylvania 2 public address (system)

**pab-lum** (pab'ləm) *n.* [*< Pablum*, trademark for a soft, bland baby food] simplistic or bland writing, ideas, etc.

**PAC** *n.*, *pl.* **PAC's** political action committee

**pace** (pās) *n.* [*< L passus*, a step] 1 a step in walking, etc. 2 the length of a step or stride 3 the rate of speed in walking, etc. 4 rate of progress, etc. 5 a gait 6 the gait of a horse in which both legs on the same side are raised together —*vt.* **paced**, **pac'ing** 1 to walk back and forth across 2 to measure by paces 3 to set the pace for (a runner, etc.) —*vi.* 1 to walk with regular steps 2 to move at a pace: said of a horse —**put through one's paces** to test one's ability, skills, etc. —**pac'er** *n.*

**pace'mak'er** *n.* 1 one that leads the way: also **pace'set'ter** (-set'ər) 2 an electronic device placed in the body to regulate the heartbeat

**pach-y-derm** (pak'ə dər'm') *n.* [*< Gr pachys*, thick + *derma*, skin] a large, thick-skinned, hooved animal, as the elephant or rhinoceros

**pach-y-san-dra** (pak'ə san'drə) *n.* [*< ModL* name of genus] a low, hardy evergreen plant often used for a ground cover in the shade

**pa-cif-ic** (pə sif'ik) *adj.* [see PACIFY] 1 making peace 2 of a peaceful nature; tranquil; calm

**Pa-cif-ic** (pə sif'ik) largest of the earth's oceans, between Asia and the American continents

**pac-i-fi-er** (pas'ə fi'ər) *n.* 1 one that pacifies 2 a nipple or teething ring for babies

**pac'i-fism'** (-fiz'əm) *n.* opposition to the use of force under any circumstances; specif., refusal to participate in war — **pac'i-fist** *n.*, *adj.*

**pac-i-fy** (pas'ə fi') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [*< L pax*, peace + *facere*, make] to make peaceful, calm, nonhostile, etc. — **pac'i-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**pack<sup>1</sup>** (pak) *n.* [*< MDu pak*] 1 a bundle of things tied up for carrying 2 a number of similar persons or things; specif., a) a group [a pack of lies] b) a package of a standard number [a pack of cigarettes] c) a number of wild animals living together —*vt.* 1 to make a pack of 2 a) to put together in a box, trunk, etc. b) to fill (a box, etc.) 3 to crowd; cram [the hall was packed] 4 to fill in tightly, as for prevention of leaks 5 to carry in a pack 6 to send (off) [to pack him off to

school] 7 [Slang] to carry (a gun, etc.)

8 [Slang] to be able to deliver (a punch, etc.) with force —*vi.* 1 to make up packs 2 to put one's clothes, etc. into luggage for a trip 3 to crowd together 4 to settle into a compact mass —*adj.* used for carrying packs, loads, etc. [a pack animal] —**send packing** to dismiss abruptly

**pack<sup>2</sup>** (pak) *vt.* to choose (a jury, etc.) so as to get desired results

**pack-age** (pak'ij) *n.* 1 a wrapped or boxed thing or group of things; parcel 2 a number of items, plans, etc. offered as a unit —*vt.* -aged, -ag-ing 1 to make a package of 2 to offer or present in an enticing way —**pack'ag-er** *n.*

**package store** a store where alcoholic beverages are sold by the bottle

**pack'et** (-it) *n.* 1 a small package 2 a boat that travels a regular route carrying passengers, freight, and mail: in full **packet boat**

**pack'ing** *n.* 1 the act or process of a person or thing that packs 2 any material used to pack

**pack'ing-house'** *n.* a plant where meats, etc. are processed and packed for sale

**pack rat** 1 a North American rat that often hides small articles in its nest 2 [Inf.] one who hoards miscellaneous items

**pack'sad'dle** *n.* a saddle with fastenings to secure the load carried by a pack animal

**pact** (pakt) *n.* [*< L pax*, peace] an agreement; compact

**pad<sup>1</sup>** (pad) *n.* [echoic] the dull sound of a footstep —*vi.* **pad'ded**, **pad'ding** to walk, esp. with a soft step

**pad<sup>2</sup>** (pad) *n.* [? var. of POD] 1 anything soft to protect against friction, pressure, etc.; cushion 2 the cushionlike sole of an animal's paw 3 the floating leaf of a water plant, as the waterlily 4 a number of sheets of paper glued along one edge; tablet 5 [Slang] the place where one lives —*vt.* **pad'ded**, **pad'ding** 1 to stuff or cover with soft material 2 to lengthen (a speech, etc.) with unnecessary material 3 to fill (an expense account, etc.) with invented or inflated entries

**pad'ding** *n.* anything used to pad

**pad-dle<sup>1</sup>** (pad'l) *n.* [ME *padell*, small spade] 1 a short pole with a wide blade at one or both ends, used to propel a canoe, kayak, etc. 2 an implement shaped like this, used to hit a ball, beat something, etc. —*vt.*, *vi.* -dled, -dling 1 to propel (a canoe, etc.) with a paddle 2 to beat as with a paddle; spank — **pad'dler** *n.*

**pad-dle<sup>2</sup>** (pad'l) *vi.* -dled, -dling [prob. *< PAD<sup>1</sup>*] to move the hands or feet about in the water, as in playing — **pad'dler** *n.*

**paddle ball** a game like handball

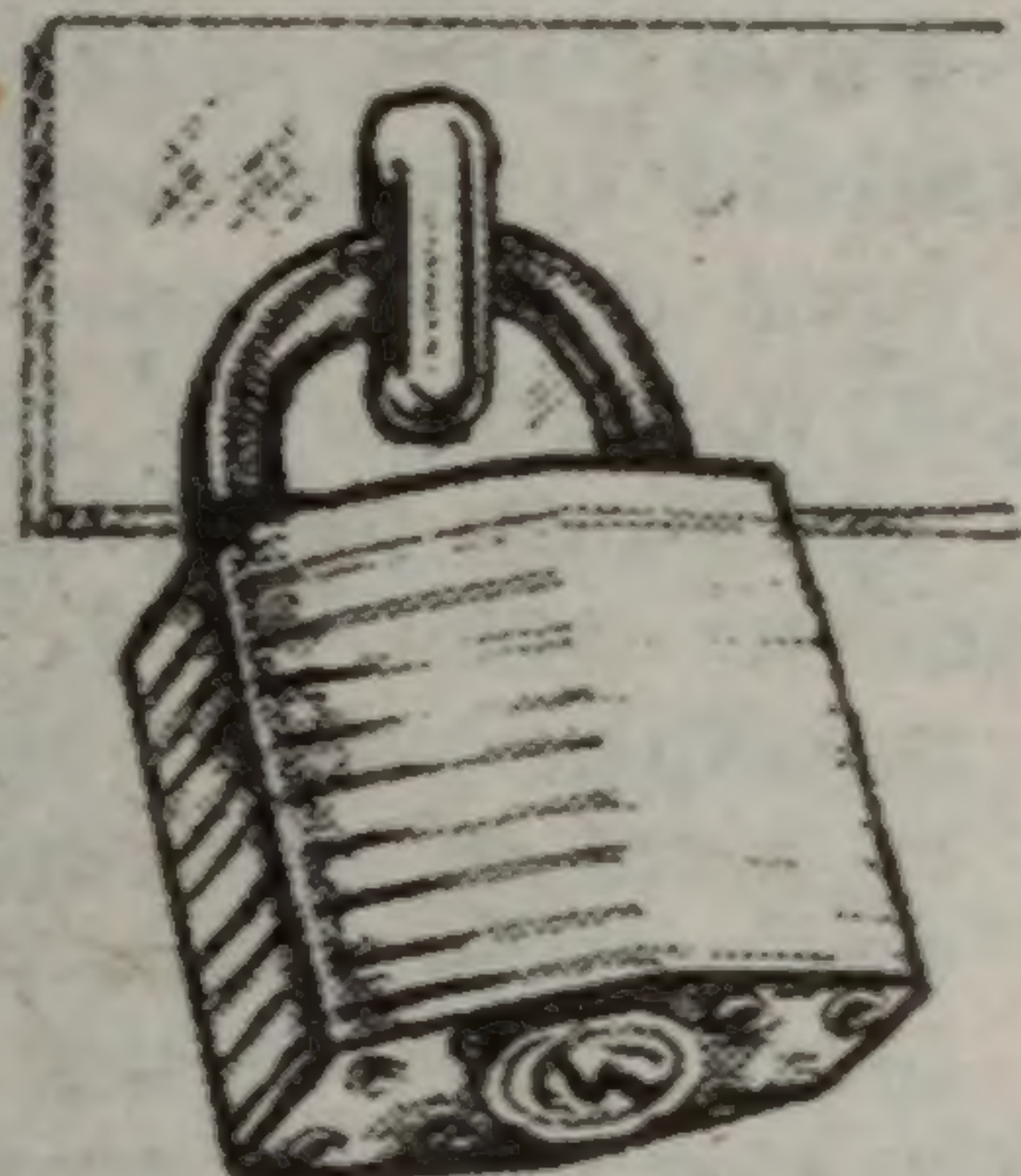


played with a short-handled paddle  
**paddle wheel** a wheel with boards around it for propelling a steamboat

**pad·dock** (pad'ək) *n.* [OE *pearruc*, enclosure] 1 a small enclosure near a stable, in which horses are exercised 2 an enclosure at a racetrack, where horses are saddled

**pad·dy** (pad'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -dies [Malay *padi*, rice in the husk] a rice field

**pad·lock** (pad'lāk') *n.* a removable lock with a hinged link to be passed through a staple, chain, or eye —*vt.* to fasten or close up as with a padlock



PADLOCK

**pa·dre** (pā'drā') *n.* [L *pater*] 1 father: the title of a priest in Italy, Spain, etc. 2 [Inf.] a priest or chaplain

**pae·an** (pē'an) *n.* [L *paian*, hymn] a song of joy, triumph, etc.

**pa·gan** (pā'gən) *n.* [L *paganus*, peasant] 1 a heathen 2 one who has no religion —*adj.* of pagans —**pa'gan·ism'** *n.*

**page**<sup>1</sup> (pāj) *n.* [L *pangere*, fasten] 1 *a*) one side of a leaf of a book, etc. *b*) an entire leaf in a book, etc. 2 [often *pl.*] a record of events 3 WEB PAGE —*vi.* **paged**, **pag'ing** to look (through) by turning the pages

**page**<sup>2</sup> (pāj) *n.* [OFr] a boy attendant — *vt.* **paged**, **pag'ing** 1 to try to find by calling out the name of 2 to contact with a pager

**pag·eant** (paj'ənt) *n.* [ME *pagent*, stage scene] 1 a spectacular exhibition, parade, etc. 2 an elaborate outdoor drama celebrating a historical event

**pag'eat·ry** (-ən trē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries 1 grand spectacle; gorgeous display 2 empty show or display

**pag·er** (pāj'ər) *n.* a portable electronic device used to contact people for messages

**pag·i·na·tion** (paj'ə nā'shən) *n.* 1 the numbering of pages 2 the arrangement and number of pages

**pa·go·da** (pə gō'də) *n.* [prob. < Pers *but*, idol + *kadah*, house] in India and the Far East, a temple in the form of a pyramidal tower of several stories

**paid** (pād) *vt.*, *vi.* *pt.* & *pp.* of PAY —*adj.* 1 settled by payment 2 with pay [a paid vacation]

**pail** (pāl) *n.* [OE *pægel*, wine vessel] 1 a container, usually with a handle, for holding liquids, etc.; bucket 2 the amount held by a pail: also **pail'ful'**, *pl.* -fuls

**pain** (pān) *n.* [L *poinē*, penalty] 1 physical or mental suffering caused by injury, disease, grief, anxiety, etc. 2 [*pl.*] great care [take pains with one's work] —*vt.* to cause pain to; hurt —*on* (or *under*) **pain of** at the risk of a penalty —**pain'ful** *adj.* —**pain'ful·ly** *adv.* —

**pain'less** *adj.*

**Paine** (pān), Thom·as (tām'əs) 1737-1809; Am. Revolutionary patriot & writer

**pain'kill'er** *n.* [Inf.] a medicine that relieves pain

**pains·tak·ing** (pānz'tā'kiŋ) *adj.* requiring or showing great care; very careful

**paint** (pānt) *vt.* [L *pingere*] 1 *a*) to make (a picture, etc.) in colors applied to a surface *b*) to depict with paints 2 to describe vividly 3 to cover or decorate with paint —*vi.* to paint pictures — *n.* 1 a mixture of a pigment with oil, water, etc., used as a covering or coloring 2 a dried coat of paint

**paint'er** *n.* 1 an artist who paints pictures 2 one whose work is covering walls, etc. with paint

**paint'ing** *n.* a painted picture

**pair** (per) *n.*, *pl.* **pairs** or **pair** [L *par*, equal] 1 two corresponding things associated or used together [a pair of shoes] 2 a single unit of two corresponding parts [a pair of pants] 3 any two persons or animals regarded as a unit —*vi.*, *vt.* 1 to form a pair (of) 2 to mate



PAISLEY PATTERN

**pais·ley** (pāz'lē) *adj.* [after Paisley, Scotland] [also P-] having an intricate, multicolored pattern of swirls, etc.

**pa·ja·mas** (pə jā'məz, -jam'əz) *pl.n.* [L *pai*, a leg + *jāma*, garment] a loosely fitting sleeping or lounging suit consisting of jacket (or blouse) and trousers

**Pa·ki·stan** (pak'i stan', pā'ki stān') country in S Asia, west of India: 307,293 sq. mi.; pop. 131,500,000 —**Pak'i·stan'i** (-ē) *adj.*, *n.*

**pal** (pal) *n.* [Romany, brother, ult. < Sans] [Inf.] a close friend

**pal·ace** (pal'əs) *n.* [L *Palatium*, one of the Seven Hills of Rome] 1 the official residence of a king, etc. 2 any large, magnificent building

**pal·at·a·ble** (pal'it ə bəl) *adj.* pleasant or acceptable to the taste or mind

**pal·ate** (pal'it) *n.* [L *palatum*] 1 the roof of the mouth 2 sense of taste — **pal'a·tal** (-it'l) *adj.*

**pa·la·tial** (pə lā'shəl) *adj.* [see PALACE] 1 of, suitable for, or like a palace 2 magnificent; stately



**pal-a-tine** (pal'ə tīn', -tin) *adj.* [see PAL-ACE] designating or of a count or earl who ruled in his own territory

**Pa-lau** (pā lou') country on a group of islands in the W Pacific: 630 sq. mi.; pop. 15,000

**pa-lav-er** (pə lav'ər) *n.* [Port *palavra*, a word] talk, esp. idle talk —*vi.* to talk idly

**pale**<sup>1</sup> (pāl) *adj.* **pal'er**, **pal'est** [< L *pallidus*] 1 of a whitish or colorless complexion 2 faint; dim 3 feeble; weak —*vi.* **paled**, **pal'ing** to become pale —**pale'ly** *adv.* —**pale'ness** *n.*

**pale**<sup>2</sup> (pāl) *n.* [< L *palus*, a stake] 1 a pointed stake used in fences 2 a boundary; restriction: now chiefly figurative

**pale'face'** *n.* a white person: a term allegedly first used by North American Indians

**pa-le-on-tol-o-gy** (pā'lē ən täl'ə jē) *n.* [< Fr] the branch of geology studying prehistoric life by means of fossils —**pa-le-on-tol'o-gist** *n.*

**Pa-le-o-zo'ic** (-ə zō'ik) *adj.* [< Gr *palaios*, ancient + ZO(O)- + -IC] designating the geologic era (c. 570-240 million years ago) characterized by the first fishes, reptiles, and land plants

**Pal-es-tine** (pal'əs tīn') historical region in SW Asia at the E end of the Mediterranean, including modern Israel & Jordan

**Pal'es-tin'i-an** (-tīn'ē ən) *n.* a person, esp. an Arab, born or living in Palestine —*adj.* of Palestine or the Palestinians

**pal-ette** (pal'it) *n.* [Fr < L *pala*, a shovel] 1 a thin board on which an artist arranges and mixes paints 2 the colors used as for a painting

**pal-frey** (pôl'frē) *n., pl. -freys* [ult. < Gr *para*, beside + L *veredus*, post horse] [Archaic] a saddle horse, esp. a gentle one for a woman

**pal-i-mo-ny** (pal'ə mō'nē) *n.* [PAL + (AL)IMONY] an allowance or a property settlement claimed by or granted to one member of an unmarried couple who separate after having lived together

**pal-imp-sest** (pal'imp sest') *n.* [< Gr *palimpsēstos*, lit., rubbed again] a parchment previously written upon that bears traces of the erased texts

**pal-in-drome** (pal'in drōm') *n.* [< Gr *palindromos*, running back] a word, phrase, or sentence that reads the same backward or forward (Ex.: madam)

**pal-ing** (pāl'in) *n.* a fence made of pales

**pal-i-sade** (pal'ə sād') *n.* [< Fr < L *palus*, a stake] 1 any of a row of large, pointed stakes forming a fence as for fortification 2 such a fence 3 [*pl.*] a line of steep cliffs

**pall**<sup>1</sup> (pôl) *vi.* **palled**, **pall'ing** [ME *pallen*, appall] 1 to become cloying, insipid, boring, etc. 2 to become satiated

**pall**<sup>2</sup> (pôl) *n.* [< L *pallium*, a cover] 1 a cloth covering for a coffin 2 a dark or gloomy covering

**pall-bear-er** (pôl'ber'ər) *n.* [prec. + BEARER] one of the persons who attend or carry the coffin at a funeral

**pal-let**<sup>1</sup> (pal'it) *n.* [see PALETTE] a low, portable platform used for stacking materials, as in a warehouse

**pal-let**<sup>2</sup> (pal'it) *n.* [< L *palea*, chaff] a small bed or a pad filled as with straw and used on the floor

**pal-li-ate** (pal'ē āt') *vt. -at'ed, -at'ing* [< L *pallium*, a cloak] 1 to lessen the severity of without curing; alleviate 2 to make (an offense) appear less serious; excuse —**pal'li-a'tion** *n.* —**pal'li-a'tive** (-āt'iv, -ə tiv) *adj., n.*

**pal-lid** (pal'id) *adj.* [L *pallidus*, pale] faint in color; pale —**pal'lid-ly** *adv.*

**pal-lor** (pal'ər) *n.* [< L *pallere*, be pale] unnatural paleness

**palm**<sup>1</sup> (pām) *n.* [< L *palma*: from its handlike leaf] 1 any of a large group of tropical or subtropical trees or shrubs with a branchless trunk and a bunch of large leaves at the top 2 a leaf of such a tree carried as a symbol of victory, etc.

**palm**<sup>2</sup> (pām) *n.* [< L *palma*] the inner surface of the hand between the fingers and wrist —*vt.* to hide (something) in the palm, as in a sleight-of-hand trick —**palm off** [Inf.] to pass off by fraud

**pal-met-to** (pal met'ō) *n., pl. -tos or -toes* any of certain palms with fan-shaped leaves

**palm-is-try** (pām'is trē) *n.* [prob. < ME *paume*, PALM<sup>2</sup> + *maistrie*, mastery] fortunetelling by interpreting the lines, etc. on the palm of a person's hand —**palm'ist** *n.*

**Palm Springs** resort city in SW California: pop. 40,000

**Palm Sunday** the Sunday before Easter, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, when palm branches were strewn before him

**palm'top'** *n.* a small, portable computer for storing personal information, sending e-mail, etc.

**palm-y** (pām'ē) *adj. -i-er, -i-est* 1 of, like, or full of palm trees 2 prosperous [*palmy days*]

**pal-o-mi-no** (pal'ə mē'nō) *n., pl. -nos* [AmSp < Sp, dove-colored] a golden or cream-colored horse with a white tail

**pal-pa-ble** (pal'pə bəl) *adj.* [< L *palpare*, to touch] 1 that can be touched, felt, etc. 2 easily perceived by the senses; perceptible 3 obvious; plain —**pal'pa-bly** *adv.*

**pal-pi-tate** (pal'pə tāt') *vi. -tat'ed, -tat'ing* [< L *palpare*, to feel] 1 to beat rapidly, as the heart 2 to throb —**pal'pi-ta'tion** *n.*

**pal-sy** (pôl'zē) *n., pl. -sies* [ult. < L *paralysis*, paralysis] paralysis of a muscle, sometimes with involuntary tremors —*vt. -sied, -sy-ing* to affect with or as with palsy

**pal-try** (pôl'trē) *adj. -tri-er, -tri-est* [prob. < LowG *palte*, rag] almost worthless; trifling —**pal'tri-ness** *n.*

**pam-pa** (pam'pə, pām'-) *n.* [AmSp < AmInd *pampa*, plain, field] an extensive, treeless plain of Argentina

**pam-per** (pam'pər) *vt.* [ME *pampren*, to feed too much < LowG] to be overindulgent with; coddle



**pam·phlet** (pam'flit) *n.* [**<** OFr *Pamphilet*, shortened name of a ML poem] a thin, unbound booklet, often on some topic of current interest — **pam'phlet·eer'** (-flə tir') *n.*

**pan**<sup>1</sup> (pan) *n.* [**<** OE *panne*] 1 any broad, shallow container used in cooking, etc. 2 a pan-shaped part or object — **vt.** **panned**, **pan'ning** 1 [Inf.] to criticize unfavorably 2 *Mining* to wash (gravel) in a pan, as to separate (gold) — **vi.** *Min-ing* to wash gravel in a pan, searching for gold — **pan out** [Inf.] to turn out; esp., to succeed

**pan**<sup>2</sup> (pan) *Film, TV, etc. vt., vi.* **panned**, **pan'ning** [**<** PAN(ORAMA)] to move (a camera) so as to get a panoramic effect — *n.* the act of panning

**Pan** (pan) *n. Gr. Myth.* a god of fields, forests, flocks, and shepherds, represented as having the legs of a goat

**pan-** [**<** Gr *pan*, all, every] *combining form* 1 all [*pantheism*] 2 [P-] of, comprising, or uniting every [*Pan-American*]

**pan·a·ce·a** (pan'ə sē'ə) *n.* [**<** Gr *pan*, all + *akos*, healing, medicine] a supposed remedy for all ills

**pan·ache** (pə nash', -nāsh') *n.* [Fr, ult. **<** L *pinna*, feather] dashing elegance of manner or style

**Pan·a·ma** (pan'ə mǎ', -mô') country in Central America, a strip of land connecting Central & South America: 29,761 sq. mi.; pop. 2,329,000 — **Pan'a·ma'ni·an** (-mǎ'nē ən) *adj., n.*

**Panama Canal** ship canal across Panama, connecting the Atlantic & Pacific

**Panama (hat)** [*also p-*] a hand-woven hat made with strawlike strips of the leaves of a tropical plant

**Pan'-A·mer'i·can** *adj.* of North, South, and Central America, collectively

**pan·cake** (pan'kāk') *n.* a flat cake of batter fried on a griddle or in a pan

**pan·chro·mat·ic** (pan'krō mat'ik) *adj.* sensitive to light of all colors [*panchromatic film*]

**pan·cre·as** (pan'krē əs, pan'-) *n.* [**<** Gr *pan*, all + *kreas*, flesh] a large gland that secretes a digestive juice into the small intestine and produces insulin — **pan'cre·at'ic** (-at'ik) *adj.*

**pan·da** (pan'də) *n.* [**<** native name in Nepal] 1 a black-and-white, bearlike mammal of China: in full **giant panda** 2 a reddish, raccoonlike mammal of the Himalayas: in full **lesser panda**

**pan·dem·ic** (pan dem'ik) *adj.* [**<** Gr *pan*, all + *dēmos*, the people] epidemic over a large region

**pan·de·mo·ni·um** (pan'də mō'nē əm) *n.* [**<** name of demons' abode in Milton's *Paradise Lost* **<** Gr *pan*, all + *daimōn*, evil spirit] wild disorder or noise

**pan·der** (pan'dər) *n.* [**<** L *Pandarus*, lovers' go-between in Chaucer, etc.] 1 a procurer; pimp 2 one who helps others to satisfy their vices, etc. Also **pan'der·er** — **vi.** to act as a pander (*to*)

**P & H** *abbrev.* postage and handling

**Pan·do·ra** (pan dōr'ə) *n.* [**<** Gr *pan*, all + *dōron*, gift] *Gr. Myth.* the first mortal woman: she opens a box, letting all

human ills into the world

**pane** (pān) *n.* [**<** L *pannus*, piece of cloth] a sheet of glass in a frame of a window, etc.

**pan·e·gyr·ic** (pan'ə jir'ik) *n.* [**<** Gr *panēgyris*, public meeting] 1 a formal speech or piece of writing praising a person or event 2 high praise

**pan·el** (pan'əl) *n.* [**<** see **PANE**] 1 *a*) a section or division, usually rectangular, forming a part of a wall, door, etc. *b*) a board for instruments or controls 2 a lengthwise strip in a skirt, etc. 3 a list of persons summoned for jury duty 4 a group of persons selected for judging, discussing, etc. — **vt.** **-eled** or **-elled**, **-el·ing** or **-el·ling** to provide with panels

**pan'el·ing** or **pan'el·ling** *n.* 1 panels collectively 2 sheets of plastic, wood, etc. from which to cut panels

**pan'el·ist** *n.* a member of a **PANEL** (*n.* 4)

**panel truck** an enclosed pickup truck

**pang** (paŋ) *n.* [**<** ?] a sudden, sharp pain, physical or emotional

**pan·han·dle**<sup>1</sup> (pan'han'dəl) *n.* a strip of land projecting like the handle of a pan

**pan·han·dle**<sup>2</sup> (pan'han'dəl) *vi.* **-dled**, **-dling** [Inf.] to beg on the streets — **pan'han'dler** *n.*

**pan·ic** (pan'ik) *n.* [**<** Gr *panikos*, of Pan, as inspirer of sudden fear] a sudden, unreasoning fear, often spreading quickly — **vt.** **-icked**, **-ick·ing** to affect with panic — **vi.** to show panic — **pan'ick·y** *adj.*

**pan'ic·strick'en** *adj.* badly frightened: also **pan'ic·struck'**

**pan·nier** or **pan·ier** (pan'yər, -ē ər) *n.* [**<** L *panis*, bread] a large basket for carrying loads on the back

**pa·no·cha** (pə nō'chə) *n.* [AmSp, ult. **<** L *panis*, bread] 1 a coarse Mexican sugar 2 *var. of* **PENUCHE**

**pan·o·ply** (pan'ə plē) *n., pl. -plies* [**<** Gr *pan*, all + *hopla*, arms] 1 a complete suit of armor 2 any complete or magnificent covering or array

**pan·o·ram·a** (pan'ə ram'ə) *n.* [**<** PAN- + Gr *horama*, a view] 1 a wide view in all directions 2 a constantly changing scene — **pan'o·ram'ic** *adj.*

**pan·sy** (pan'zē) *n., pl. -sies* [**<** Fr *penser*, think] a small plant of the violet family, with velvety petals

**pant** (pant) *vi.* [ult. **<** L *phantasia*, nightmare] 1 to breathe rapidly and heavily, as from running fast 2 to yearn eagerly: with *for* or *after* — **vt.** to gasp out — *n.* any of a series of rapid, heavy breaths; gasp

**pan·ta·loons** (pan'tə lōonz') *pl. n.* [**<** It: ult. after St. *Pantalone*] [Historical] trousers

**pan·the·ism** (pan'thē iz'əm) *n.* [**<** Gr *pan*, all + *theos*, a god + **-ISM**] 1 the doctrine that all forces, manifestations, etc. of the universe are God 2 the worship of all gods — **pan'the·ist** *n.*

**pan·the·on** (pan'thē ən') *n.* [**<** Gr *pan*, all + *theos*, a god] 1 all the gods of a people 2 [*often P-*] a building in which famous dead persons of a nation are



entombed or commemorated

**pan·ther** (pan'thər) *n.* [*< Gr panthēr*] 1 a leopard, specif. one that is black 2 COUGAR

**pant·ies** (pan'tēz) *pl.n.* women's or children's short underpants: also **pant'ie** or **pant'y** *n.*

**pan·to·mime** (pan'tə mīm') *n.* [*ult. < Gr pan, all + mimos, a mimic*] 1 a drama played without words, using only action and gestures 2 action or gestures without words —*vt., vi. -mimed', -mim'ing* to express or act in pantomime — **pan'to·mim'ist** (-mīm'ist) *n.*

**pan·to·then·ic acid** (pan'tō then'ik) [*< Gr pantothen, from every side*] a viscous oil, part of the vitamin B complex, occurring widely in animal and plant tissues and thought essential for cell growth

**pan·try** (pan'trē) *n., pl. -tries* [*< L panis, bread*] a small room off the kitchen, where cooking ingredients and utensils, china, etc. are kept

**pants** (pants) *pl.n.* [*< PANTALOONS*] 1 trousers 2 drawers or panties

**pant'suit** *n.* matched pants and jacket for women: also **pants suit**

**pant·y·hose** (pan'tē hōz') *n.* women's hose that extend to the waist, forming a one-piece garment

**pant'y·waist** (-wāst') *n.* [Slang] a sissy

**pap** (pap) *n.* [ME] 1 any soft food for babies or invalids 2 any oversimplified or tasteless writing, ideas, etc.

**pa·pa** (pā'pə, pə pā') *n.* [*< baby talk*] child's term for FATHER

**pa·pa·cy** (pā'pə sē) *n., pl. -cies* [LL *papa, pope*] 1 the rank of pope 2 the term of office of a pope 3 the governing of the Roman Catholic Church by the pope, its head

**pa·pal** (pā'pəl) *adj.* of or relating to a pope or the papacy

**pa·pa·raz·zi** (pā'pā rāt'tsē) *pl.n.* photographers who take candid shots of celebrities

**pa·paw** (pə pō', pō'pō') *n.* [*< fol.*] 1 PAPAYA 2 a) a tree of central and S U.S. with an oblong, yellowish, edible fruit b) its fruit

**pa·pa·ya** (pə pī'ə) *n.* [Sp *< WInd name*] 1 a tropical American tree with a large, oblong, yellowish-orange fruit 2 its fruit

**pa·per** (pā'pər) *n.* [*ult. < Gr papyros, papyrus*] 1 a thin, flexible material in sheets, made from rags, wood, etc. and used for writing or printing on, for packaging, etc. 2 a single sheet of this 3 an official document 4 an essay, dissertation, etc. 5 a newspaper 6 wallpaper 7 [*pl.*] credentials —*adj.* 1 of, or made of, paper 2 like paper; thin —*vt.* to cover with wallpaper —**pa'per·y** *adj.*

**pa'per·back** *n.* a book bound in paper covers

**pa'per·boy** *n.* a boy who sells or delivers newspapers —**pa'per·girl** *fem.n.*

**paper clip** a flexible clasp for holding loose sheets of paper together

**pa'per·hang'er** *n.* a person whose work

is covering walls with wallpaper

**paper tiger** a person, nation, etc. that seems to pose a threat but is really powerless

**paper trail** written records that serve as evidence of a person's actions

**pa'per·weight** *n.* any small, heavy object set on papers to keep them from being scattered

**pa'per·work** *n.* the keeping of records, etc. incidental to some task

**pa·pier·mâ·ché** (pā'pər mə shā') *n.* [Fr *< papier, paper + mâcher, to chew*] a material made of paper pulp mixed with size, glue, etc., and molded into various objects when moist

**pa·pil·la** (pə pil'ə) *n., pl. -lae* (-ē) [L *< papula, pimple*] any small nipplelike projection of tissue, as on the surface of the tongue —**pap·il·lar·y** (pap'ə ler'ē) *adj.*

**pa·poose** (pə pōos', pa-) *n.* [*< AmInd*] a North American Indian baby

**pa·pri·ka** (pə prē'kə) *n.* [Hung, *ult. < Gr peperī, pepper*] a mild or hot, red, powdered condiment ground from the fruit of certain pepper plants

**Pap test** (pap) [after G. Papanicolaou, 20th-c. U.S. anatomist] a test for uterine cancer

**Pap·u·a New Guinea** (pap'yōō ə) country occupying the E half of the island of New Guinea & nearby islands: 178,703 sq. mi.; pop. 3,689,000

**pa·py·rus** (pə pī'rəs) *n., pl. -ri* (-rī) or **-rus·es** [*< Gr papyros*] 1 a tall water plant of Egypt 2 a writing material made from the pith of this plant by the ancients

**par** (pär) *n.* [L, an equal] 1 the established value of a currency in terms of the money of another country 2 an equal status, level, etc.: usually in **on a par** (with) 3 the average state, condition, etc. [work that is above *par*] 4 the face value of stocks, etc. 5 *Golf* the number of strokes established as a skillful score for a hole or course —*adj.* 1 of or at par 2 average

**par abbrev.** 1 paragraph 2 parish

**para-** *prefix* 1 beside, beyond [*parapsychology*] 2 helping, accessory [*paramedical*]

**par·a·ble** (par'ə bəl) *n.* [*< Gr parabolē, analogy < para-, beside + ballein, to throw*] a short, simple story teaching a moral lesson

**pa·rab·o·la** (pə rab'ə lə) *n.* [see prec.] *Geom.* a curve formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane parallel to its side —**par·a·bol·ic** (par'ə bāl'ik) *adj.*

**par·a·chute** (par'ə shoōt') *n.* [Fr *< para-, protecting + chute, a fall*] a cloth contrivance usually shaped like an umbrella when expanded, and used to retard the speed of one dropping from an airplane, etc. —*vt., vi. -chut'ed, -chut'ing* to drop by parachute —**par'a·chut'ist** *n.*

**pa·rade** (pə rād') *n.* [*< L parare, prepare*] 1 ostentatious display 2 a review of marching troops 3 any organized procession or march, as for display —*vt. -rad'ed, -rad'ing* 1 to march or walk through, as for display 2 to show



off [to *parade* one's knowledge] —*vi.* 1 to march in a parade 2 to walk about ostentatiously

**par·a·dig·m** (par'ə dīm') *n.* [*< Gr para-*, beside + *deigma*, example] 1 an example or model 2 a generally accepted concept that explains a complex idea, set of data, etc. 3 *Gram.* an example of a declension or conjugation, giving all the inflections of a word

**Par·a·dise** (par'a dis') *n.* [*< Gr paradeisos*, garden] 1 the garden of Eden 2 heaven 3 [*p-*] any place or state of great happiness

**par·a·dox** (par'ə dāks') *n.* [*< Gr para-*, beyond + *doxa*, opinion] 1 a statement that seems contradictory, etc. but may be true in fact 2 a statement that is self-contradictory and, hence, false — **par·a·dox'i·cal** *adj.* — **par·a·dox'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**par·af·fin** (par'ə fin) *n.* [*Ger < L parum*, too little + *affinis*, akin: from its inertness] a white, waxy substance obtained from petroleum and used for making candles, sealing jars, etc.

**par·a·gon** (par'ə gān') *n.* [*< It paragone*, touchstone] a model of perfection or excellence

**par·a·graph** (par'ə graf') *n.* [*< Gr para-*, beside + *graphein*, write] 1 a distinct section of a piece of writing, begun on a new line and often indented 2 a brief item in a newspaper, etc. —*vt.* to arrange in paragraphs

**Par·a·guay** (par'ə gwā', -gwī') inland country in SC South America: 157,042 sq. mi.; pop. 4,120,000 — **Par·a·guay'an** *adj., n.*

**par·a·keet** (par'ə kēt') *n.* [*prob. < MFr perrot*, parrot] a small, slender parrot with a long tail

**par·a·le·gal** (par'ə lē'gəl) *adj.* designating or of persons trained to aid lawyers but not licensed to practice law —*n.* such a person

**par·al·lax** (par'ə laks') *n.* [*< Gr para-*, beyond + *allassein*, to change] the apparent change in the position of an object resulting from a change in the viewer's position

**par·al·lel** (par'ə lel') *adj.* [*< Gr para-*, side by side + *allēlos*, one another] 1 extending in the same direction and at the same distance apart, so as never to meet 2 similar or corresponding —*n.* 1 a parallel line, surface, etc. 2 any person or thing similar to another; counterpart 3 any comparison showing likeness 4 any of the imaginary lines parallel to the equator and representing degrees of latitude: in full **parallel of latitude** —*vt.* -*leled'* or -*lelled'*, -*lel'ing* or -*lel'ling* 1 to be parallel with 2 to match; equal — **par'al-lel'ism'** *n.*

**par'al-lel'o-gram'** (-ə gram') *n.* a four-sided plane figure having the opposite sides parallel and equal

**parallel parking** the parking of vehicles close to and parallel to the curb

**pa·ral·y·sis** (pə ral'ə sis) *n., pl. -ses' (-sēz')* [*< Gr paralyein*, to loosen or weaken at the side] 1 partial or complete loss of voluntary motion or of sensation in part or all of the body 2 any

condition of helpless inactivity — **par·a·lyt·ic** (par'ə lit'ik) *adj., n.*

**par·a·lyze** (par'ə liz') *vt.* -*lyzed'*, -*lyz'ing* 1 to cause paralysis in 2 to make ineffective or powerless

**par·a·me·ci·um** (par'ə mē'sē əm, -shē əm) *n., pl. -ci-a (-ə)* [*< Gr paramēkēs*, oval] an elongated protozoan that moves by means of cilia

**par·a·med·ic** (par'ə med'ik) *n.* a person in paramedical work

**par·a·med'i·cal** (-med'i kəl) *adj.* [*PARA-* + *MEDICAL*] of auxiliary medical personnel, as midwives and nurses' aides

**pa·ram·e·ter** (pə ram'ət ər) *n.* [*< Gr para-*, beside + *metron*, a measure] 1 any of a set of interdependent variables 2 *a)* a boundary or limit *b)* a characteristic (*usually used in pl.*)

**par·a·mil·i·tar·y** (par'ə mil'ə ter'ē) *adj.* [*PARA-* + *MILITARY*] of forces working along with, or in place of, a regular military organization

**par·a·mount** (par'ə mount') *adj.* [*< OFr par*, by + *amont*, uphill] ranking higher than any other; chief

**par·a·mour** (par'ə moor') *n.* [*< OFr par amour*, with love] a lover or mistress; esp., the illicit sexual partner of a married man or woman

**par·a·noi·a** (par'ə noi'ə) *n.* [*< Gr para-*, beside + *nous*, the mind] a mental disorder characterized by delusions, as of grandeur or, esp., persecution — **par'a·noid'** *adj., n.*

**par·a·pet** (par'ə pet', -pət) *n.* [*< It parare*, to guard + *petto*, breast] 1 a wall or bank for screening troops from enemy fire 2 a low wall or railing

**par·a·pher·na·li·a** (par'ə fər nāl'yə, -nāl' lē ə) *pl.n.* [*< Gr para-*, beyond + *phernē*, dowry] [*often with sing. v.*] 1 personal belongings 2 equipment

**par·a·phrase** (par'ə frāz') *n.* [*< Gr para-*, beside + *phrazein*, say] a rewording of the meaning of something spoken or written —*vt., vi.* -*phrased'*, -*phras'ing* to express (something) in a paraphrase

**par·a·ple·gi·a** (par'ə plē'jē ə, -jə) *n.* [*< Gr para-*, beside + *plēgē*, a stroke] paralysis of the lower half of the body — **par'a·ple'gic** (-plē'jik) *adj., n.*

**par'a·pro·fes'sion·al** *n.* [*see PARA-*] a trained assistant to licensed professionals, as in medicine

**par'a·psy·chol'o·gy** *n.* [*see PARA-*] psychology that investigates psychic phenomena, such as telepathy

**par'a·sail'** *n.* [*< PARACHUTE*] a kind of parachute worn by a person who is pulled by a boat, car, etc. fast enough to glide in the air — **par'a·sail'ing** *n.*

**par·a·site** (par'ə sit') *n.* [*< Gr para-*, beside + *sitos*, food] 1 one who lives at others' expense without making any useful return 2 a plant or animal that lives on or in another organism, usually with harmful effects — **par'a·sit'ic** (-sit'ik) *adj.*

**par·a·sol** (par'ə sôl') *n.* [*< It parare*, ward off + *sole*, sun] a lightweight umbrella used for protection from the



sun's rays

**par-a-sym-pa-thet-ic** (par'ə sim'pə thet'ik) *adj.* [[PARA- + SYMPATHETIC] *Physiology* designating the part of the autonomic nervous system whose functions include constricting the pupils of the eyes, slowing the heartbeat, and stimulating some digestive glands

**par-a-thi-on** (par'ə thī'ān') *n.* [[PARA- + Gr *theion*, sulfur] a highly poisonous insecticide

**par'a-thy'roid'** (-thī'roid') *adj.* [[PARA- + THYROID] designating or of the small glands near the thyroid that regulate calcium and phosphorus metabolism

**par-a-troops** (par'ə trōops') *pl.n.* [[< PARA(CHUTE) + TROOP] troops trained and equipped to parachute into a combat area — **par'a-troop'er** *n.*

**par-boil** (pär'boil') *vt.* [[< L *per*, through + *bullire*, to boil: infl. by *part*] to boil until partly cooked

**par-cel** (pär'səl) *n.* [[ult. < L *pars*, part] 1 a small, wrapped bundle; package 2 a piece (of land) — *vt.* -**celed** or -**celled**, -**cel-ing** or -**cel-ling** to separate into parts and distribute: with *out*

**parcel post** a mail service for parcels not over a specified weight and size

**parch** (pärch) *vt.* [[< ?] 1 to make hot and dry 2 to make very thirsty — *vi.* to become very dry, hot, thirsty, etc.

**parch-ment** (pärch'mənt) *n.* [[< L (*charta*) *Pergamena*, (paper) of Pergamum, city in Asia Minor] 1 the skin of a sheep, goat, etc. prepared as a surface for writing 2 paper like parchment 3 a manuscript on parchment

**par-don** (pärd'n) *vt.* [[< L *per-*, through + *donare*, give] 1 to release from further punishment 2 to forgive (an offense) 3 to excuse (a person) for a fault, etc. — *n.* 1 forgiveness 2 an official document granting a pardon — **par'don-a-ble** *adj.*

**pare** (per) *vt.* **pared**, **par'ing** [[< L *parare*, prepare] 1 to cut or trim away (the rind, skin, etc.) of; peel 2 to reduce gradually: often with *down*

**par-e-gor-ic** (par'ə gôr'ik) *n.* [[< Gr *parēgoros*, soothing] a tincture of opium, used to relieve diarrhea

**par-ent** (per'ənt) *n.* [[< L *parere*, beget] 1 a person in relation to his or her offspring; a mother or father 2 any organism in relation to its offspring 3 a source; origin — *adj.* of a corporation in relation to a subsidiary that it owns — **pa-ren-tal** (pə rent'l) *adj.* — **par'ent-hood'** *n.*

**par'ent-age** *n.* descent from parents or ancestors; lineage

**pa-ren-the-sis** (pə ren'thə sis) *n., pl. -ses'* (-sēz') [[< Gr *para-*, beside + *entithenai*, to insert] 1 a word, clause, etc. added as an explanation or comment within a sentence 2 either or both of the curved lines, ( ), used to set this off — **par-en-thet-i-cal** (par'ən thet'i kəl) or **par'en-thet'ic** *adj.*

**par'ent-ing** *n.* the work or skill of a parent in raising a child or children

**pa-re-sis** (pə rē'sis) *n., pl. -ses'* (-sēz')

[[Gr < *parienai*, relax] 1 partial paralysis 2 a brain disease caused by syphilis of the central nervous system

**par ex-cel-lence** (ek'sə lāns) [[< Fr] in the greatest degree of excellence

**par-fait** (pär fā') *n.* [[Fr, lit., perfect] a frozen dessert of cream, eggs, etc., or of layers of ice cream, crushed fruit, etc. in a tall glass

**pa-ri-ah** (pə rī'ə) *n.* [[< Tamil *paraiyan*, drummer] 1 a member of one of the lowest social castes in India 2 any outcast

**par-i-mu-tu-el** (par'ə myōō'chōō əl) *n.* [[Fr, lit., a mutual bet] a system of betting on races in which the winning bettors share the net of each pool in proportion to their wagers

**par-ing** (per'in) *n.* a piece pared off

**Par-is**<sup>1</sup> (par'is) *n.* Gr. *Legend* a prince of Troy: see HELEN OF TROY

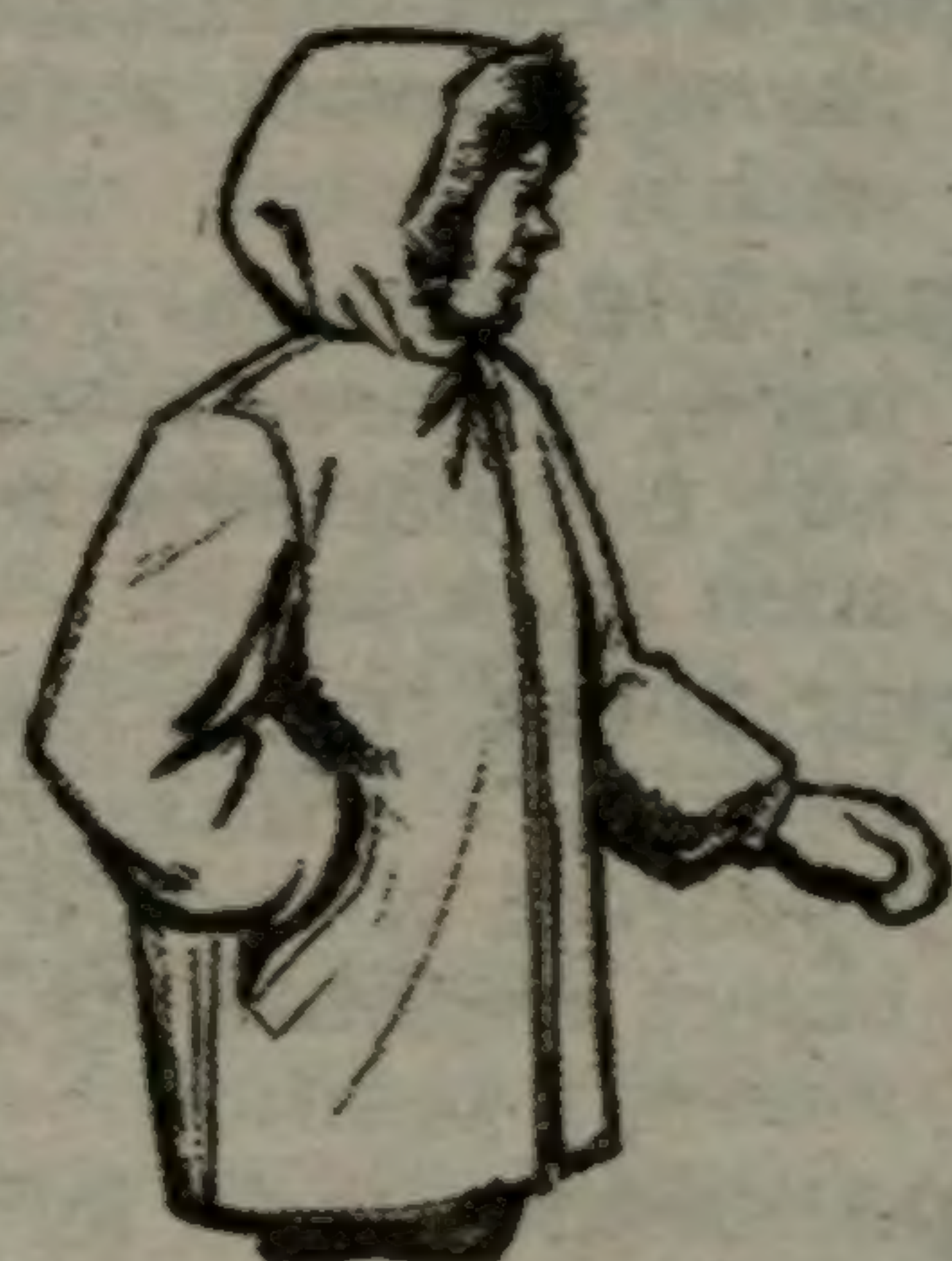
**Par-is**<sup>2</sup> (par'is; Fr pā'rē') capital of France: pop. 2,166,000 — **Pa-ri-sian** (pə rīzh'ən, -rē'zhən) *adj., n.*

**par-ish** (par'ish) *n.* [[< Gr *paroikia*, diocese] 1 a part of a diocese, under the charge of a priest or minister 2 the congregation of a church 3 a civil division in Louisiana, like a county

**pa-rish-ion-er** (pə rīsh'ə nər) *n.* a member of a parish

**par-i-ty** (par'ə tē) *n.* [[< L *par*, equal] 1 equality in power, value, etc. 2 equality of value at a given ratio between different kinds of money, etc.

**park** (pärk) *n.* [[< ML *parricus*] 1 wooded land held as part of an estate or preserve 2 an area of public land, with walks, playgrounds, etc., for recreation 3 the system in an automatic transmission that locks the drive wheels of a motor vehicle — *vt., vi.* 1 to leave (a vehicle) in a place temporarily 2 to maneuver (a vehicle) into a space where it can be left temporarily



PARKA

**par-ka** (pär'kə) *n.* [[< Russ, fur coat] a heavy jacket with a hood

**parking meter** a timing device installed near a parking space: drivers pay to park there for a certain length of time by inserting coins in it

**Par-kin-son's disease** (pär'kin sənz) [[after J. Parkinson (1755-1824), Eng physician] a degenerative disease of later life, causing a rhythmic tremor and muscular rigidity

**park'way'** *n.* a broad roadway landscaped with trees, bushes, etc.

**par-lance** (pär'lāns) *n.* [[< OFr *parler*, speak] language or idiom

**par-lay** (pär'lā) *vt., vi.* [[< It *paro*, a pair] to bet (an original wager plus its winnings) on another race, etc. — *n.* a parlayed bet



**par·ley** (pär'lē) *vi.* [*< Fr parler, speak*] to confer, esp. with an enemy —*n., pl. -leys* a conference, as to settle a dispute or discuss terms

**par·lia·ment** (pär'lə mənt) *n.* [*< OFr parler, speak*] 1 an official government council 2 [P-] the national legislative body of certain countries, esp. Great Britain

**par'lia·men·tar'i·an** (-men ter'ē ən) *n.* one skilled in parliamentary rules or debate

**par'lia·men'ta·ry** (-ment'ə rē, -men'trē) *adj.* 1 of or by a parliament 2 conforming to the rules of a parliament

**par·lor** (pär'lər) *n.* [*< OFr parler, speak*] 1 [Old-fashioned] any living room 2 any of certain kinds of business establishment [a beauty parlor]

**Parmesan (cheese)** (pär'mə zän', -zhän') [*after Parma, It city*] a very hard, dry cheese orig. of Italy

**par·mi·gia·na** (pär'mə zhä'nə, pär'mə zhän') *adj.* prepared with Parmesan cheese

**pa·ro·chi·al** (pə rō'kē əl) *adj.* [*see PARISH*] 1 of or in a parish or parishes 2 narrow in scope; provincial

**parochial school** a school supported and run by a church

**par·o·dy** (par'ə dē) *n., pl. -dies* [*< Gr para-, beside + oîdē, song*] a humorous imitation of a literary or musical work or style —*vt. -died, -dy·ing* to make a parody of

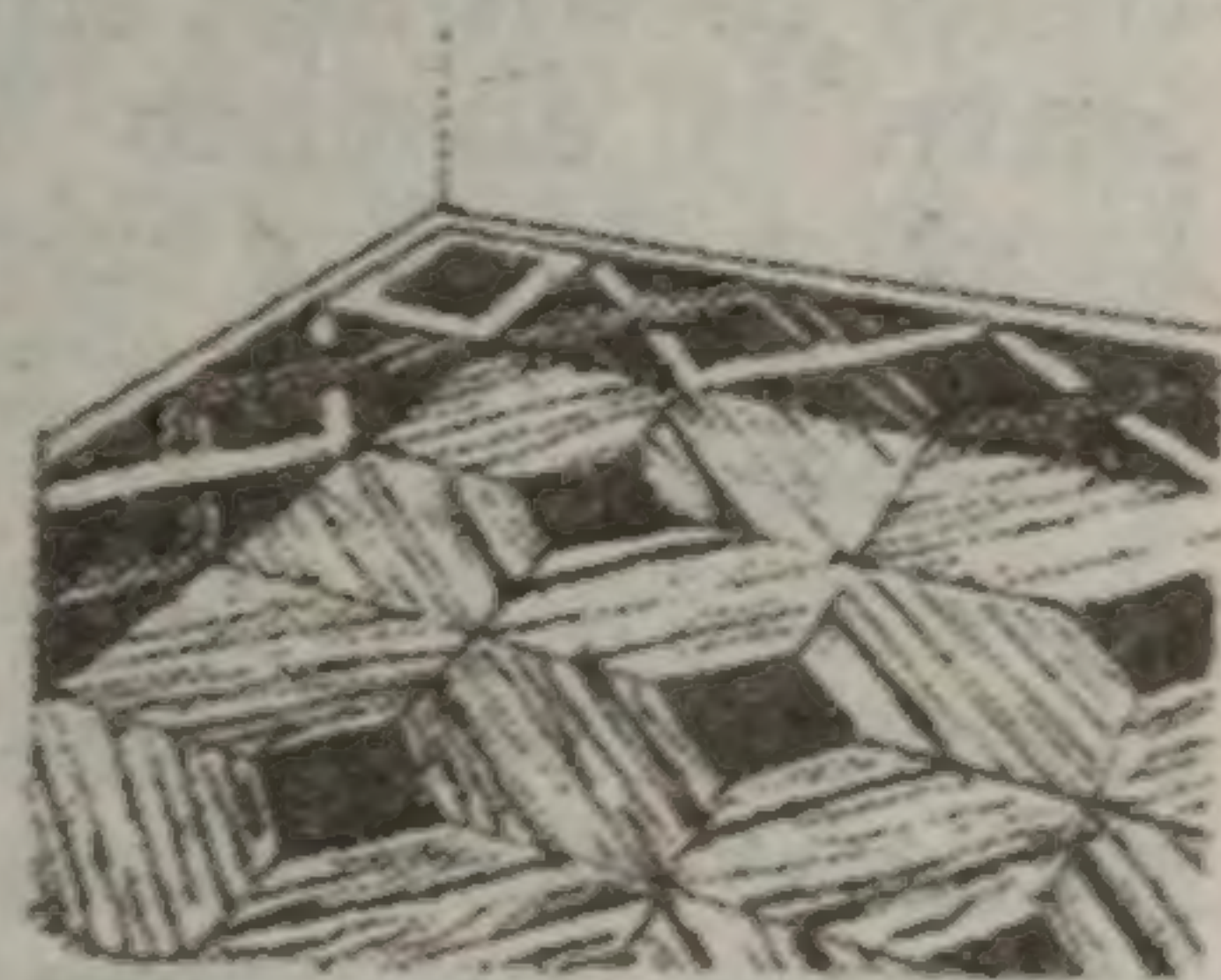
**pa·role** (pə rōl') *n.* [*< LL parabola, a speech*] the release of a prisoner whose sentence has not expired, on condition of future good behavior —*vt. -roled', -rol'ing* to release on parole

**par·ox·ysm** (par'ək siz'əm) *n.* [*< Gr para-, beyond + oxynein, sharpen*] 1 a sudden attack of a disease 2 a sudden outburst as of laughter

**par·quet** (pär kă') *n.* [*Fr, < MFr parchet, dim. of parc, park*] 1 the main floor of a theater: usually called *orchestra* 2 a flooring of parquetry —*vt. -queted' (-kād'), -quet'ing (-kă'in)* to make of parquetry

**parquet circle** the part of a theater beneath the balcony on the main floor

**par·quet·ry** (pär'kə trē) *n.* inlaid wooden flooring in geometric forms



PARQUET

**par·ri·cide** (par'ə sîd') *n.* [*< L paricida: see -CIDE*] 1 the act of murdering one's parent, close relative, etc. 2 one who does this

**par·rot** (par'ət) *n.* [*Fr dial. perrot*] 1 a tropical bird with a hooked bill and brightly colored feathers: some parrots can learn to imitate human speech 2 one who parrots what others say —*vt.* to repeat without understanding

**par·ry** (par'ē) *vt. -ried, -ry·ing* [*prob. ult. < L parare, prepare*] 1 to ward off (a blow, etc.) 2 to evade (a question, etc.) —*n., pl. -ries* a parrying

**parse** (pärs) *vt., vi. parsed, pars'ing* [*< L pars (orationis), part (of speech)*] to separate (a sentence) into its parts, giving the form and function of each part

**par·si·mo·ny** (pär'sə mō'nē) *n.* [*< L parcere, to spare*] stinginess; extreme frugality —**par'si·mo'ni·ous** *adj.*

**pars·ley** (pärs'lē) *n.* [*< Gr petros, stone + selinon, celery*] a plant with aromatic, often curled leaves used to flavor or garnish some foods

**pars·nip** (pärs'nîp') *n.* [*< L pastinare, dig up*] 1 a plant with a long white root used as a vegetable 2 its root

**par·son** (pär'sən) *n.* [*see PERSON*] 1 an Anglican minister having a parish 2 [Inf.] any minister

**par'son·age** *n.* the dwelling provided by a church for its minister

**part** (pärt) *n.* [*< L pars*] 1 a portion, division, etc. of a whole [a part of a book] 2 an essential, separable element [automobile parts] 3 a portion or share; specif., a) a share of work [to do one's part] b) [usually pl.] talent; ability [a man of parts] c) a role in a play d) any of the voices or instruments in a musical ensemble, or the score for this 4 [usually pl.] a portion of a country 5 a dividing line formed in combing the hair —*vt.* 1 to break or divide into parts 2 to comb (the hair) so as to leave a part 3 to break or hold apart —*vi.* 1 to break or divide into parts 2 to separate and go different ways 3 to cease associating 4 to go away; leave: with *from* —*adj.* partial —**for one's part** as far as one is concerned —**for the most part** mostly —**in part** partly —**part with** to relinquish —**take part** to participate —**take someone's part** to side with someone

**par·take** (pär tāk') *vi. -took', -tak'en, -tak'ing* [*< part taker*] 1 to participate (in an activity) 2 to eat or drink something, esp. with others: usually with *of* —**par·tak'er** *n.*

**part·ed** (pärt'id) *adj.* separated; divided

**par·terre** (pär ter') *n.* [*Fr < par, on + terre, earth*] 1 a garden with the flower beds and path in a pattern 2 PARQUET CIRCLE

**par·the·no·gen·e·sis** (pär'thə nō'jen'ə sis) *n.* [*see fol. & GENESIS*] reproduction from an unfertilized ovum, seed, or spore

**Par'the·non'** (-nän') *n.* [*< Gr parthenos, a virgin (i.e., Athena)*] the Doric temple of Athena on the Acropolis

**par·tial** (pär'shəl) *adj.* [*< L pars, a part*] 1 favoring one person, faction, etc. more than another; biased 2 not complete —**partial to** fond of —**par'ti·al'i·ty** (-shē al' ə tē) *n.* —**par'tial·ly** *adv.*

**par·tic·i·pate** (pär tis'ə pāt') *vi. -pat'ed, -pat'ing* [*< L pars, a part + capere, to take*] to have or take a share with others (in some activity) —**par·tic'i·pant** *adj., n.* —**par·tic'i·pa'tion** *n.* —**par·tic'i·pa'tor** *n.* —**par·tic'i·pa'to'ry** (-pə tōr'ē) *adj.*

**par·ti·ci·ple** (pärt'i sip'əl) *n.* [*see prec.*] a verbal form having characteristics of



both verb and adjective —**par·ti·cip'i·al** (-sip'ē əl) *adj.*

**par·ti·cle** (pärt'i kəl) *n.* [**< L** *pars*, a part] 1 a tiny fragment or trace 2 a short, usually invariable part of speech, as an article or preposition 3 *Physics* a subatomic particle that cannot be divided

**par·ti·col·ored** (pär'ti kul'ərd) *adj.* [**< Fr** *parti*, divided + **COLORED**] having different colors in different parts

**par·tic·u·lar** (pär tik'yə lər) *adj.* [**< L** *particula*, particle] 1 of or belonging to a single person, group, or thing 2 regarded separately; specific 3 unusual 4 exacting; fastidious —*n.* a distinct fact, item, detail, etc. —**in particular** especially —**par·tic·u·lar'i·ty** (-lar'ə tē), *pl.* -ties, *n.*

**par·tic·u·lar·ize'** (-lər iz') *vt., vi.* -ized', -iz'ing to give particulars or details (of) —**par·tic·u·lar-i·za'tion** *n.*

**par·tic·u·lar·ly** *adv.* 1 in detail 2 especially 3 specifically

**par·tic·u·late** (-lit, -lāt') *adj.* of or formed of separate tiny particles

**part'ing** *adj.* 1 dividing; separating 2 departing 3 given, spoken, etc. at parting —*n.* 1 a breaking or separating 2 a departure

**par·ti·san** (pärt'ə zən) *n.* [**< L** *pars*, a part] 1 a strong supporter of a faction, party, etc. 2 a guerrilla fighter —*adj.* of or like a partisan Also sp. **par'ti-zan** —**par'ti-san-ship'** *n.*

**par·ti·tion** (pär tish'ən) *n.* [**< L** *partitio*] 1 division into parts 2 something that divides, as a wall separating rooms —*vt.* 1 to divide into parts; apportion 2 to divide by a partition

**part'ly** *adv.* not fully or completely

**part·ner** (pärt'nər) *n.* [**< ME**] 1 one who joins in an activity with another or others; specif., one of two or more persons jointly owning a business 2 a spouse 3 either of two persons not married to each other but in an intimate, spouse-like relationship 4 either of two persons dancing together 5 either of two players on the same side or team —**part'ner-ship'** *n.*

**part of speech** any of the classes to which a word can be assigned as by form, function, or meaning; noun, verb, adverb, etc.

**par·took** (pär took') *vi., pt. of* PARTAKE

**par·tridge** (pär'trij) *n.* [**< Gr** *perdix*] any of several short-tailed game birds, esp. one with an orange-brown head and grayish neck

**part song** a song for several voices, usually without accompaniment

**part'-time'** *adj.* designating, of, or engaged in work, study, etc. taking less time than a regular or full schedule

**part'-tim'er** *n.* a part-time employee, student, etc.

**par·tu·ri·tion** (pär'too rish'ən) *n.* [**< L** *parere*, bring forth] childbirth

**part'way'** *adv.* to some degree, but not fully

**par·ty** (pär'tē) *n., pl.* -ties [**< L** *pars*, a

part] 1 a group of people working to promote a political platform or group of candidates, a cause, etc. 2 a group acting together to accomplish a task 3 a gathering for social entertainment 4 one concerned in an action, plan, lawsuit, etc. [*a party to the action*] 5 [Inf.] a person —*vi.* -**ty-ing** to attend or hold social parties

**par'ty·go'er** (-gō'ər) *n.* a person who attends a party or many parties

**party line** 1 a single circuit connecting two or more telephone users with the exchange 2 the policies of a political party

**par·ve·nu** (pär'və nōō') *n.* [**< L** *pervenire*, arrive] a newly rich person who is considered an upstart

**Pas·a·de·na** (pas'ə də'nə) city in SW California: pop. 132,000

**pas·chal** (pas'kəl) *adj.* [**< LL** **< Gr** **< Heb** *pesach*, Passover] 1 of Passover 2 of Easter

**pa·sha** (pə shä', pä'shə) *n.* [**Turk**] [Historical] in Turkey, a title of rank or honor placed after the name

**pass** (pas) *vi.* [**< L** *passus*, a step] 1 to go or move forward, through, etc. 2 to go or be conveyed from one place, form, condition, etc. to another 3 *a)* to cease *b)* to depart 4 to die: usually with *away* or *on* 5 to go by 6 to elapse [*an hour passed*] 7 to make a way: with *through* or *by* 8 to be accepted without question 9 to be approved, as by a legislature 10 to go through a test, course, etc. successfully 11 to give a judgment, sentence, etc.: with *on* or *upon* 12 *Card Games* to decline a chance to bid —*vt.* 1 to go by, beyond, over, or through; specif., *a)* to leave behind *b)* to go through (a test, course, etc.) successfully 2 to cause or allow to go, move, or proceed; specif., *a)* to ratify; enact *b)* to spend (time) *c)* to excrete 3 to cause to move from place to place; circulate 4 to give (an opinion or judgment) —*n.* 1 an act of passing; passage 2 a condition; situation [*a strange pass*] 3 *a)* a ticket, etc. giving permission to come or go freely or without charge *b)* *Mil.* a brief leave of absence 4 a motion of the hand, as in card tricks or hypnotism, or as if to strike 5 a tentative attempt 6 a narrow passage, etc., esp. between mountains 7 [Inf.] an overly familiar attempt to embrace or kiss 8 *Sports* a transfer of a ball, etc. to another player during play —**come (or bring) to pass** to (cause to) happen —**pass for** to be accepted as —**pass off** to cause to be accepted through deceit —**pass out** 1 to distribute 2 to faint —**pass over** to disregard; ignore —**pass up** [Inf.] to refuse or let go by —**pass'er** *n.*

**pass'a·ble** *adj.* 1 that can be passed, traveled over, etc. 2 adequate; fair —**pass'a·bly** *adv.*

**pas·sage** (pas'ij) *n.* 1 a passing; specif., *a)* migration *b)* transition *c)* the enactment of a law 2 permission or right to pass 3 a voyage 4 a means of passing; road, passageway, etc. 5 an exchange, as of blows or words 6 a portion of a book, musical composition, etc.

**pas'sage·way'** *n.* a narrow way for pas-



sage, as a hall or alley

**pass'book'** *n.* BANKBOOK

**pas-sé** (pa sā', pä-) *adj.* [Fr, past] out-of-date; old-fashioned

**pas-sel** (pas'al) *n.* [< PARCEL] [Inf. or Dial.] a group, esp. a fairly large one

**pas-sen-ger** (pas'an jər) *n.* [< OFr *passage*, passage] a person traveling in a train, boat, car, etc.

**pass'er-by'** *n.*, *pl.* **pass'ers-by'** one who passes by: also **pass'er-by'**, *pl.* **pass'ers-by'**

**pass'-fail'** *adj.* *Educ.* designating a grading system recording "pass" or "fail" instead of a letter or number grade

**pass'ing** *adj.* 1 going by, beyond, etc. 2 fleeting 3 casual [a *passing* remark] 4 satisfying given requirements [a *passing* grade] —*n.* the act of one that passes; specif., death —**in passing** incidentally

**pas-sion** (pas'hən) *n.* [< L *pati*, endure] 1 any emotion, as hate, love, or fear 2 intense emotional excitement, as rage, enthusiasm, or lust 3 the object of any strong desire 4 [P-] the sufferings of Jesus, beginning after the Last Supper and continuing to his death on the Cross

**pas'sion-ate** (-ə nit) *adj.* 1 having or showing strong feelings 2 hot-tempered 3 ardent; intense 4 sensual — **pas'sion-ate-ly** *adv.*

**pas-sive** (pas'iv) *adj.* [see PASSION] 1 inactive, but acted upon 2 offering no resistance; submissive 3 *Gram.* denoting the voice of a verb whose subject is the recipient (object) of the action — **pas'sive-ly** *adv.* — **pas-siv-i-ty** (pa siv'ə tē) *n.*

**pas'sive-ag-gres'sive** *adj.* *Psychol.* showing disguised resistance to others' expectations, as by procrastination or inefficiency

**passive resistance** opposition to a government, etc. by refusal to comply or by nonviolent acts such as fasting

**pass'key'** *n.* 1 *a)* MASTER KEY *b)* SKEL-ETON KEY 2 any private key

**Pass-o-ver** (pas'ō'vər) *n.* a Jewish holiday commemorating deliverance of the ancient Hebrews from slavery in Egypt

**pass'port'** *n.* a government document carried by a citizen traveling abroad, certifying identity and citizenship

**pass'word'** *n.* 1 a secret term used for identification, as in passing a guard 2 any means of gaining entrance

**past** (past) *vi.*, *vt.* *rare pp.* of PASS —*adj.* 1 gone by; ended 2 of a former time 3 immediately preceding 4 *Gram.* indicating an action completed, or a condition in existence, at a former time [the *past* tense] —*n.* 1 time gone by 2 the history of a person, group, etc. 3 a personal background that is hidden or questionable —*prep.* beyond in time, space, etc. —*adv.* to and beyond some point

**pas-ta** (päs'tə) *n.* [It] 1 a flour paste or dough of which spaghetti, etc. is made 2 any food made of this

**paste** (pāst) *n.* [< Gr *pastē*, porridge] 1 dough for making pastry, etc. 2 any

soft, moist, smooth preparation [*tooth-paste*] 3 a mixture of flour, water, etc. used as an adhesive 4 the hard, brilliant glass of artificial gems —*vt.* **past'ed**, **past'ing** 1 to make adhere with paste 2 [Slang] to hit

**paste'board'** *n.* a stiff material made as of layers of paper pasted together

**pas-tel** (pas tel') *n.* [< LL *pasta*, paste] 1 a crayon of ground coloring matter 2 a picture drawn with such crayons 3 a soft, pale shade of a color —*adj.* soft and pale: said of colors

**pas-tern** (pas'tərn) *n.* [< L *pastor*, shepherd] the part of the foot of a horse, dog, etc. just above the hoof or toes

**Pas-teur** (pas 'tər'), Louis 1822-95; Fr. chemist & bacteriologist

**pas-teur-ize** (pas'chər iz', -tər-) *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing [after prec.] to destroy bacteria in (milk, etc.) by heating to a prescribed temperature for a specified time — **pas'teur-i-za'tion** *n.*

**pas-tiche** (pas tēsh') *n.* [Fr] an artistic composition made up of bits from various sources

**pas-time** (pas'tim') *n.* a way of spending spare time; diversion

**past master** [for *passed master*] a person of long experience in an occupation, art, etc.; expert

**pas-tor** (pas'tər) *n.* [L, a shepherd] a priest or minister in charge of a congregation — **pas'tor-ate** (-it) *n.*

**pas'to-ral** (-tə rəl) *adj.* 1 of or relating to a pastor 2 of shepherds 3 of rustic life 4 peaceful; simple

**past participle** *Gram.* a participle used *a)* to express completed action (Ex.: *gone* in "he has gone") *b)* to form the passive voice (Ex.: *done* in "the deed was done") *c)* as an adjective (Ex.: *fried* in "fried fish")

**pas-tra-mi** (pə strä'mē) *n.* [E Yiddish, ult. < Turk *basdyrma*, dried meat] highly spiced smoked beef

**pas-try** (päs'trē) *n.*, *pl.* -tries [see PASTE & -ERY] 1 pies, tarts, etc. with crusts baked from flour dough made with shortening 2 broadly, all fancy baked goods

**pas-tur-age** (pas'chər ij) *n.* PASTURE

**pas-ture** (pas'chər) *n.* [< L *pascere*, to feed] 1 grass, etc. used as food by grazing animals 2 ground suitable for grazing —*vt.* -tured, -tur-ing to put (cattle, etc.) out to graze in a pasture

**past-y** (päs'tē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est of or like paste in color or texture

**pat**<sup>1</sup> (pat) *n.* [prob. echoic] 1 a gentle tap or stroke with the hand or a flat object 2 the sound made by this 3 a small lump, as of butter —*vt.* **pat'ted**, **pat'ting** 1 to tap or stroke gently, esp. with the hand 2 to shape or apply by patting —*adj.* 1 exactly suitable 2 so glibly plausible as to seem contrived — **pat on the back** 1 a compliment 2 to praise — **stand pat** to refuse to change an opinion, etc.

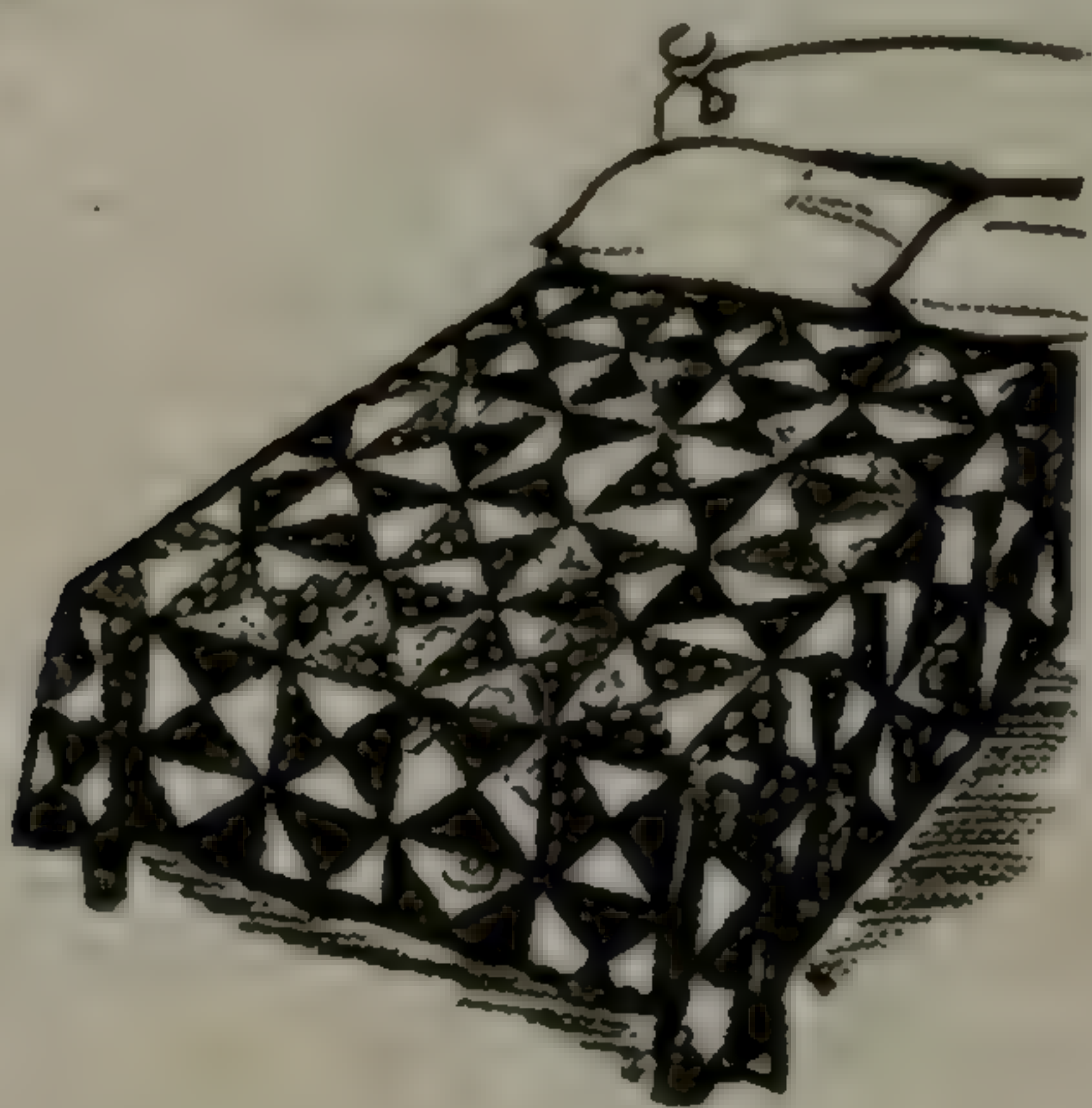
**pat**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 patent 2 patented

**patch** (pach) *n.* [ME *pacche*] 1 a piece of material applied to mend a hole or



strengthen a weak spot 2 a bandage 3 an area or spot [*patches* of blue sky] 4 a small plot of land 5 a scrap; bit 6 an adhesive pad containing a drug or hormone that is absorbed through the skin —*vt.* 1 to put a patch on 2 to produce crudely or hurriedly —**patch up** to settle (differences, a quarrel, etc.)

**patch test** *Med.* a test for allergy, made by attaching a sample of a substance to the skin and observing the reaction



PATCHWORK QUILT

**patch'work'** *n.* needlework, as a quilt, made of patches of cloth sewn together at their edges

**patch'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 made up of patches 2 not consistent or uniform; irregular —**patch'i-ness** *n.*

**pate** (pāt) *n.* [*< ?*] the head, esp. the top of the head: a humorous term

**pâ-té** (pä tä') *n.* [*Fr*] a meat paste or pie

**pa-tel-la** (pä tel'ə) *n., pl. -las or -lae* (-ē) [*< L patina, a pan*] a movable bone at the front of the human knee

**pat-ent** (pat''nt; also for *adj.* 1 & 2, pāt'-) *adj.* [*< L patere, be open*] 1 obvious; plain 2 of or having to do with patents —*n.* 1 a document granting the exclusive right to produce or sell an invention, etc. for a specified time 2 *a*) the right so granted *b*) the thing protected by such a right —*vt.* to secure a patent for

**patent leather** (pat''nt) leather with a hard, glossy finish: formerly patented

**patent medicine** (pat''nt) a trademarked medical preparation

**pa-ter-nal** (pä tər'nəl) *adj.* [*< L pater, father*] 1 of, like, or from a father 2 related through the father's side of the family —**pa-ter'nal-ly** *adv.*

**pa-ter'nal-ism'** *n.* the governing or controlling of a country, employees, etc. in a manner suggesting a father's relationship with his children —**pa-ter'nal-is'tic** *adj.*

**pa-ter'ni-ty** (-nə tē) *n.* 1 the state of being a father 2 male parentage

**pa-ter-nos-ter** (pāt'ər nās'tər) *n.* [*L, our father*] the Lord's Prayer, esp. in Latin: often *Pater Noster*

**path** (path) *n.* [*OE pæth*] 1 a way worn by footsteps 2 a walk for the use of people on foot 3 a line of movement 4 a course of conduct, thought, etc. —**path'less** *adj.*

**pa-thet-ic** (pä thet'ik) *adj.* [*see PATHOS*] 1 arousing pity, sorrow, etc.; pitiful 2

pitifully unsuccessful, etc. —**pa-thet'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**pathetic fallacy** in literature, the attribution of human feelings and characteristics to inanimate things (Ex.: the angry sea)

**patho-** [*< Gr: see PATHOS*] *combining form* suffering, disease, feeling: also **path-**

**path-o-gen** (path'ə jən) *n.* [*prec. + -GEN*] a microorganism, etc. capable of causing disease —**path'o-gen'ic** (-jen'ik) *adj.*

**pa-thol-o-gy** (pä thäl'ə jē) *n., pl. -gies* [*< Gr pathologia: see fol. & -LOGY*] 1 the branch of medicine that deals with the nature of disease, esp. with structural and functional effects 2 any abnormal variation from a sound condition —**path-o-log-i-cal** (path'ə läj'i kəl) *adj.* —**pa-thol'o-gist** *n.*

**pa-thos** (pä'thäs') *n.* [*Gr, suffering, disease, feeling*] the quality in something which arouses pity, sorrow, sympathy, etc.

**path'way'** *n.* **PATH**

**-pa-thy** (pä thē) [*< Gr: see PATHOS*] *combining form* 1 feeling [*telepathy*] 2 (treatment of) disease [*osteopathy*]

**pa-tience** (pä'shəns) *n.* a being patient; calm endurance

**pa'tient** (-shənt) *adj.* [*< L pati, endure*] 1 enduring pain, trouble, etc. without complaining 2 calmly tolerating delay, confusion, etc. 3 diligent; persevering —*n.* one receiving medical care —**pa'tient-ly** *adv.*

**pat-i-na** (pat'n ə, pä tē'nə) *n.* [*Fr < It*] a fine greenish crust on bronze or copper, formed by oxidation

**pa-ti-o** (pat'ē ō', pāt'-) *n., pl. -os'* [*Sp*] 1 a courtyard open to the sky 2 a paved area adjoining a house, for outdoor lounging, dining, etc.

**pa-tois** (pa'twä') *n., pl. -tois'* (-twäz') [*Fr*] a provincial or local dialect

**pat pend** *abbrev.* patent pending

**patri-** [*< Gr patēr*] *combining form* father: also **patr-**

**pa-tri-arch** (pä'trē ärk') *n.* [*< Gr patēr, father + archein, to rule*] 1 the father and head of a family or tribe, as Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob in the Bible 2 a man of great age and dignity 3 [*often P-*] a high-ranking bishop, as in the Eastern Orthodox Church —**pa'tri-ar'chal** *adj.*

**pa'tri-arch'y** (-är'kē) *n., pl. -ies* 1 a form of social organization in which the father is head of the family, descent being traced through the male line 2 rule or domination by men

**pa-tri-cian** (pä trish'an) *n.* [*< L pater, father*] an aristocrat

**pat-ri-cide** (pä'trə sīd') *n.* 1 the murdering of one's father 2 a person who does this —**pat'ri-ci'dal** *adj.*

**pat'ri-mo'ny** (-mō'nē) *n., pl. -nies* [*< L pater, father*] property inherited from one's father or ancestors —**pat'ri-mo'ni-al** *adj.*

**pa-tri-ot** (pä'trē ət) *n.* [*< Gr patris, fatherland*] one who loves and zealously supports one's own country —



**pa'tri-ot'ic** (-ät'ik) *adj.* —**pa'tri-ot'i-cal-ly** *adv.* —**pa'tri-ot-ism'** *n.*

**pa-trol** (pə trōl') *vt., vi.* -trolled', -trol'ling [Fr *patrouiller*] to make a regular, repeated circuit (of) in guarding —*n.* 1 a patrolling 2 a person or group patrolling

**patrol car** a police car used to patrol an area

**pa-trol'man** (-mən) *n., pl.* -men (-mən) a police officer who patrols a certain area

**patrol wagon** an enclosed truck used by police to carry prisoners

**pa-tron** (pā'trən) *n.* [L *pater*, father] 1 a protector; benefactor 2 a person, usually wealthy, who sponsors and supports some person, activity, etc. 3 a regular customer —**pa'tron-ess** *fem.n.*

**pa-tron-age** (pā'trə nij, pa'-) *n.* 1 support, encouragement, etc. given by a patron 2 *a*) clientele *b*) business; trade 3 *a*) the power to grant political favors *b*) such favors

**pa-tron-ize** (pā'trə nīz', pa'-) *vt.* -ized', -izing 1 to sponsor; support 2 to be kind or helpful to, but in a haughty or snobbish way 3 to be a regular customer of

**patron saint** a saint looked upon as a special guardian

**pat-ro-nym-ic** (pa'trə nim'ik) *n.* [L *patēr*, father + *onyma*, name] a name showing descent from a given person (Ex.: *Johnson*, son of John)

**pat-sy** (pat'sē) *n., pl.* -sies [Slang] a person easily imposed upon or victimized

**pat-ter**<sup>1</sup> (pat'ər) *vi.* [L *PAT*<sup>1</sup>] to make, or move so as to make, a patter —*n.* a series of quick, light taps [the *patter* of rain]

**pat-ter**<sup>2</sup> (pat'ər) *vi.* [L *PATERNOSTER*] to speak rapidly or glibly —*n.* 1 glib, rapid speech, as of salespeople or comedians 2 idle chatter

**pat-tern** (pat'ərn) *n.* [L *patrun*, patron] 1 a person or thing worthy of imitation 2 a model or plan used in making things 3 a design 4 a regular way of acting or doing 5 a predictable route, movement, etc. —*vt.* to make or do in imitation of a pattern

**pat-ty** (pat'ē) *n., pl.* -ties [Fr *pâté*, pie] 1 a small pie 2 a small, flat cake of ground meat, fish, etc.

**patty shell** a small pastry case for a single portion of creamed fish, etc.

**pau-ci-ty** (pô'sə tē) *n.* [L *paucus*, few] 1 smallness of number or amount 2 scarcity

**Paul** (pôl) (original name *Saul*) (died A.D. 67?); the Apostle of Christianity to the Gentiles: author of several Letters in the New Testament: also **Saint Paul**

**Paul Bun-yan** (bun'yən) *American Folk-lore* a giant lumberjack who performs superhuman feats

**paunch** (pônch) *n.* [L *pantex*, belly] a potbelly —**paunch'y** *adj.*

**pau-per** (pô'pər) *n.* [L] an extremely poor person, esp. one who lives on charity —**pau'per-ize'**, -ized', -iz'ing, *vt.*

**pause** (pôz) *n.* [L *pauein*, to bring to an end] a temporary stop or rest —*vi.*

**paused**, **paus'ing** to make a pause; stop  
**pave** (pāv) *vt.* paved, pav'ing [L *pavire*, to beat] to cover the surface of (a road, etc.), as with concrete —**pave the way** (for) to prepare the way (for)

**pave'ment** *n.* a paved surface, as of concrete; specif., a paved road, etc.

**pa-vil-ion** (pə vil'yən) *n.* [L *papilio*, tent] 1 a large tent 2 a building, often partly open, for exhibits, etc., as at a fair or park 3 any of a group of related buildings, as of a hospital

**Pav-lov** (pav'lôv'), **I-van** (i vān') 1849-1936; Russ. physiologist

**paw** (pô) *n.* [L *poue*] 1 the foot of a four-footed animal having claws 2 [Inf.] a hand —*vt., vi.* 1 to touch, dig, hit, etc. with paws or feet 2 to handle clumsily or roughly

**pawl** (pôl) *n.* [L ?] a device, as a hinged tongue which engages cogs in a wheel, allowing rotation in only one direction

**pawn**<sup>1</sup> (pôn) *n.* [L *pannus*, cloth] 1 anything given as security, as for a debt 2 the state of being pledged [a ring in *pawn*] —*vt.* 1 to give as security 2 to wager or risk

**pawn**<sup>2</sup> (pôn) *n.* [L *pedo*, foot soldier] 1 a chess piece of the lowest value 2 a person used to advance another's purposes

**pawn'bro'ker** *n.* a person licensed to lend money at interest on personal property left as security

**pawn'shop'** *n.* a pawnbroker's shop

**paw-paw** (pô'pô') *n., var. of* PAPA

**pay** (pā) *vt.* paid or [Obs.] (except in **PAY OUT**) **payed**, **pay'ing** [L *pacare*, pacify] 1 to give to (a person) what is due, as for goods or services 2 to give (what is due) in return, as for goods or services 3 to settle (a debt, etc.) 4 *a*) to give (a compliment, etc.) *b*) to make (a visit, etc.) 5 to be profitable to —*vi.* 1 to give due compensation 2 to be profitable —*n.* money paid; esp., wages or salary —*adj.* 1 operated by the insertion of coins [a *pay* phone] 2 designating a service, etc. paid for by fees [pay TV] —**in the pay of** employed and paid by —**pay back** 1 to repay 2 to retaliate upon —**pay down** to pay (part of the price) at purchase as an installment —**pay for** to suffer or atone for (a wrong) —**pay off** 1 to pay all that is owed on or to 2 to yield full recompense 3 [Inf.] to succeed —**pay out** to let out (a rope, cable, etc.) —**pay up** to pay in full or on time —**pay'er** *n.*

**pay'a-ble** *adj.* 1 that can be paid 2 due to be paid (*on* a specified date)

**pay'check'** *n.* a check in payment of wages or salary

**pay'day'** *n.* the day on which salary or wages are paid

**pay dirt** soil, ore, etc. rich in minerals —**hit** (or **strike**) **pay dirt** [Inf.] to discover a source of wealth, success, etc.

**pay-ee** (pā ē') *n.* one to whom a payment is made or owed

**pay'load'** *n.* 1 a cargo 2 a load, as a warhead or satellite, carried by an aircraft, rocket, etc. but not essential to its



flight operations

**pay'mas'ter** *n.* the official in charge of paying employees

**pay'ment** *n.* 1 a paying or being paid 2 something that is paid

**pay'off** *n.* 1 a settlement, reckoning, or payment 2 [Inf.] a bribe 3 [Inf.] a climax or culmination

**pay-o-la** (pā ō'lə) *n.* [Slang] a bribe, as to a disc jockey for unfairly promoting a certain record

**pay'out** *n.* 1 a paying out; disbursement 2 an amount paid out; dividend

**pay'-per-view** *adj.* TV of a system for paying for single showings of films or programs, as by cable or satellite —*n.* such a system

**pay phone** (or **station**) a public telephone, usually coin-operated

**pay'roll** *n.* 1 a list of employees to be paid, with the amount due to each 2 the total amount needed for this

**Pb** [L *plumbum*] *Chem. symbol for lead*

**PBX** *n.* [p(ri)va(te) b(ran)ch (e)x(change)] a telephone system within an organization, having outside lines

**PC**<sup>1</sup> *n., pl.* PCs or PC's PERSONAL COMPUTER

**PC**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* politically correct or political correctness

**pct** *abbrev.* percent

**PCV valve** [p(osi)ti ve c(rank)case v(enti)lation)] a valve regulating the pollution control system of a motor vehicle

**pd** *abbrev.* paid

**Pd** *Chem. symbol for palladium*

**PE** *abbrev.* 1 physical education 2 Prince Edward Island

**pea** (pē) *n., pl.* peas [L *pese*, a pea, taken as pl.; ult. < Gr *pison*] 1 a climbing plant with green pods 2 its small round seed, used as a vegetable

**peace** (pēs) *n.* [L *pax*] 1 freedom from war 2 an agreement to end war 3 law and order 4 harmony; concord 5 serenity or quiet —**hold** (or **keep**) **one's peace** to be silent —**peace'a-ble** *adj.*

**peace'ful** *adj.* 1 not quarrelsome 2 free from disturbance; calm 3 of or in a time of peace —**peace'ful-ly** *adv.*

**peace'mak'er** *n.* a person who makes peace, as by settling quarrels —**peace'mak'ing** *n., adj.*

**peace officer** an officer entrusted with maintaining law and order, as a sheriff

**peace pipe** a ceremonial pipe smoked by American Indians as part of a peace conference

**peace'time** *n.* a time of freedom from war —*adj.* of such a time

**peach** (pēch) *n.* [L *Persicum (malum)*, Persian (apple)] 1 a tree with round, juicy, orange-yellow fruit having a fuzzy skin and a rough pit 2 its fruit 3 the color of this fruit 4 [Slang] a well-liked person or thing

**pea-cock** (pē'kāk') *n.* [L *pavo*, peacock] the male of a pheasantlike bird (pea'fowl'), with a long, showy tail that can be spread out like a fan —**pea'hen'** *fem.n.*

**pea jacket** (pē) [L *Du pijjekker*] a hip-length, double-breasted coat of heavy woolen cloth, worn orig. by seamen

**peak** (pēk) *n.* [var. of Brit dial. *pike*, prob. < ON *pic*] 1 a pointed end or top, as of a cap or roof 2 *a*) the summit of a hill or mountain ending in a point *b*) a mountain with such a summit 3 the highest or utmost point of anything —*adj.* maximum —*vi.* to come to a peak

**peak-ed** (pē'kid) *adj.* [L ?] thin and drawn, or weak and pale, as from illness

**peal** (pēl) *n.* [ME *apele*, appeal] 1 the loud ringing of a bell or bells 2 a set of tuned bells 3 a loud, prolonged sound, as of thunder or laughter —*vi., vt.* to sound in a peal; ring

**pea'nut** *n.* 1 a vine related to the pea, with underground pods containing edible seeds 2 the pod or any of its seeds 3 [pl.] [Slang] a trifling sum of money

**peanut butter** a food paste or spread made by grinding roasted peanuts

**pear** (per) *n.* [L *pirum*] 1 a tree with greenish-yellow, brown, or reddish fruit 2 the juicy fruit, round at the base and narrowing toward the stem

**pearl** (pārl) *n.* [L *perna*, sea mussel] 1 a smooth, hard, usually white or bluish-gray object, a roundish growth formed within the shell of some oysters and other mollusks: used as a gem 2 MOTHER-OF-PEARL 3 any person or thing like a pearl in beauty, value, etc. 4 bluish-gray —**pearl'y, -i-er, -iest**, *adj.*

**Pearl Harbor** inlet on the S coast of Oahu, Hawaii: site of a U.S. naval base bombed by Japan on Dec. 7, 1941

**peas-ant** (pez'ənt) *n.* [L *pagus*, district] 1 a small farmer or farm laborer, as in Europe or Asia 2 a person regarded as boorish, ignorant, etc. —**peas'ant-ry** *n.*

**peat** (pēt) *n.* [ML *peta*, piece of turf] partly decayed plant matter from ancient swamps, used for fuel

**peat moss** peat composed of residues of mosses, used as mulch

**peb-ble** (peb'əl) *n.* [OE *papol-(stan)*, pebble (stone), prob. echoic] a small stone worn smooth and round, as by running water —**peb'bly, -bli-er, -bli-est**, *adj.*

**pe-can** (pē kăn', -kan'; pi-; pē'kăn', -kan') *n.* [L *AmInd*] 1 an edible nut with a thin, smooth shell 2 the tree it grows on

**pec-ca-dil-lo** (pek'ə dil'ō) *n., pl.* -loes or -los [L *peccare*, to sin] a small fault or offense

**pec-ca-ry** (pek'ə rē) *n., pl.* -ries [L native name] a piglike animal of North and South America, with sharp tusks

**peck**<sup>1</sup> (pek) *vt.* [ME *picken*, to pick] 1 to strike, as with a beak 2 to make by doing this [to peck a hole] 3 to pick up with the beak —*vi.* to make strokes as with a pointed object —*n.* 1 a stroke so made 2 [Inf.] a quick, casual kiss —**peck at** [Inf.] 1 to eat very little of 2 to criticize constantly

**peck**<sup>2</sup> (pek) *n.* [OFr *pek*] a unit of dry measure,  $\frac{1}{4}$  bushel or eight quarts



**pecking order** a hierarchy of members of a group, based on status, relative power, etc.

**pec·tin** (pek'tin) *n.* [**<** Gr *pēktos*, congealed] a carbohydrate, obtained from certain fruits, which yields a gel that is the basis of jellies and jams

**pec·to·ral** (pek'tə rəl) *adj.* [**<** L *pectus*, breast] of or located in or on the chest or breast

**pec·u·la·tion** (pek'yōō lā'shən) *n.* [ult. **<** L *peculium*, private property] embezzlement

**pe·cu·liar** (pi kyōōl'yər) *adj.* [**<** L *peculium*: see *prec.*] 1 of only one person, thing, etc.; exclusive 2 special 3 odd; strange —**pe·cu·liar·ly** *adv.*

**pe·cu·li·ar·i·ty** (pi kyōōl'ē er'ə tē) *n.* 1 a being peculiar 2 *pl.* -ties something that is peculiar, as a trait

**pe·cu·ni·ar·y** (pi kyōō'nē er'ē) *adj.* [**<** L *pecunia*, money] of or involving money

**ped·a·gogue** or **ped·a·gog** (ped'ə gäg') *n.* [**<** Gr *paidagōgos* **<** *pais*, child + *agein*, to lead] a teacher, esp. a pedantic one

**ped'a·gog'y** (-gāj'ē, -gō'jē) *n.* the art of science of teaching; esp., instruction in teaching methods —**ped'a·gog'ic** or **ped'a·gog'i·cal** *adj.*

**ped·al** (ped'l) *adj.* [**<** L *pes*, FOOT] of the foot or feet —*n.* a lever operated by the foot, as on a bicycle or organ —*vt., vi.* -aled or -alled, -al·ing or -al·ing to operate by pedals; use the pedals of

**ped·ant** (ped'nt) *n.* [ult. **<** Gr *paidagōgos*: see *PEDAGOGUE*] 1 one who emphasizes trivial points of learning 2 a narrow-minded teacher who insists on exact adherence to rules —**pe·dan'tic** *adj.* —**ped'ant·ry** *n.*

**ped·dle** (ped'l) *vt., vi.* -dled, -dling [**<** ? ME *ped*, basket] to go from place to place selling (small articles) —**ped'dler** *n.*

**-pede** (pēd) [**<** L *pes*] combining form, foot or feet [*centipede*]

**ped·er·as·ty** (ped'ər as'tē) *n.* [**<** Gr *paidērastēs*, lover of boys] sodomy between males, esp. between a man and a boy —**ped'er·ast'** *n.*

**ped·es·tal** (ped'əs təl) *n.* [**<** It *piè*, foot + *di*, of + *stal*, a rest] a bottom support of a pillar, statue, etc.

**pe·des·tri·an** (pi des'trē ən) *adj.* [**<** L *pes*, foot] 1 going or done on foot 2 of or for pedestrians 3 ordinary and dull; prosaic —*n.* one who goes on foot; walker

**pe·di·at·rics** (pē'dē a'triks) *n.* [**<** Gr *pais*, child + *iatros*, physician] the branch of medicine dealing with the care of infants and children —**pe'di·a·tri'cian** (-ə trish'ən) *n.* —**pe'di·at'ric** *adj.*

**ped·i·cab** (ped'i kab') *n.* [**<** L *pes*, foot + *CAB*] a three-wheeled carriage, esp. formerly in SE Asia, pedaled like a bicycle by the driver

**ped·i·cure** (ped'i kyoor') *n.* [**<** L *pes*, FOOT + *cura*, care] a trimming, polishing, etc. of the toenails

**ped·i·gree** (ped'i grē') *n.* [**<** MFr *pié de grue*, lit., crane's foot: from lines in genealogical tree] 1 a list of ancestors

2 descent; lineage 3 a known line of descent, esp. of a purebred animal —**ped'i·greed'** *adj.*

**ped·i·ment** (ped'i mənt) *n.* [**<** earlier *periment*, prob. **<** PYRAMID] an ornamental gable or triangular piece on the front of a building, over a doorway, etc.: see *PORTICO*, *illus.*

**pe·dom·e·ter** (pē dām'ət ər, pi-) *n.* [**<** L *pes*, foot + Gr *metron*, a measure] an instrument carried to measure the distance walked

**ped·o·phil·i·a** (ped'ə fil'ē ə) *n.* [**<** Gr *pais*, child + *philos*, loving] an abnormal condition in which an adult has a sexual desire for children —**pe'do·phile'** *n.*

**pe·dun·cle** (pē dun'kəl, pē'dun'-) *n.* [**<** L *pes*, foot] a stalklike part in some plants, animals, etc.

**peek** (pēk) *vi.* [ME *piken*] to look quickly and furtively —*n.* such a look

**peel** (pēl) *vt.* [**<** L *pilare*, make bald] to cut away (the rind, skin, etc.) of —*vi.* 1 to shed skin, etc. 2 to come off in layers or flakes —*n.* the rind or skin of fruit —**peel'er** *n.*

**peel'ing** *n.* a peeled-off strip

**peen** (pēn) *n.* [prob. **<** Scand] the end of a hammerhead opposite the flat striking surface, usually ball-shaped or wedge-shaped

**peep**<sup>1</sup> (pēp) *vi.* [echoic] to make the short, high-pitched cry of a young bird —*n.* a peeping sound

**peep**<sup>2</sup> (pēp) *vi.* [ME *pepen*] 1 to look through a small opening or from a place of hiding 2 to appear gradually or partially —*n.* a brief look; furtive glimpse —**peep'er** *n.*

**peep'hole'** *n.* a hole to peep through

**peeping Tom** [after legendary tailor who peeped at Lady GODIVA] one who gets sexual pleasure from furtively watching others

**peer**<sup>1</sup> (pir) *n.* [**<** L *par*, an equal] 1 a person or thing of the same rank, ability, etc.; an equal 2 a British noble —**peer'age** (-ij) *n.* —**peer'ess** *fem.n.*

**peer**<sup>2</sup> (pir) *vi.* [**<** ? *APPEAR*] 1 to look closely, as in trying to see more clearly 2 to appear partially

**peer'less** *adj.* without equal

**peeve** (pēv) [Inf.] *vt.* **peev**ed, **peev**'ing to make peevish; annoy —*n.* an annoyance

**pee·vish** (pē'vish) *adj.* [ME *pevische*] irritable; fretful; cross —**pee'vish·ly** *adv.* —**pee'vish·ness** *n.*

**pee·wee** (pē'wē') *n.* [**<** ?] [Inf.] an unusually small person or thing

**peg** (peg) *n.* [ME *pegge*] 1 a short piece of wood, metal, etc. used to hold parts together, hang things on, etc. 2 a step or degree 3 [Inf.] a throw —*vt.* **pegged**, **peg'ging** 1 to fasten, fix, secure, mark, etc. with pegs 2 [Inf.] to throw —**peg away** (at) to work steadily (at)

**Peg·a·sus** (peg'ə səs) *n.* Gr. Myth. a winged horse

**peg'board'** *n.* a piece of boardlike



material with rows of holes for hooks or pegs to hold displays, tools, etc.

**peign·oir** (pān wār', pen-) *n.* [Fr] a woman's full, loose dressing gown

**Pei·ping** (bā'pīŋ') *a former transliteration of BEIJING*

**pe·jo·ra·tive** (pi jōr'ə tiv) *adj.* [ < L *pejor*, worse] disparaging or derogatory —**pe·jo·ra·tive·ly** *adv.*

**Pe·king** (pē'kīŋ') *a former transliteration of BEIJING*

**Pe·king·ese** (pē'kə nēz') *n., pl. -ese'* a small dog with a long, straight coat, short legs, and a short, wrinkled muzzle: also **Pe'kin·ese'** (-kə nēz')

**pe·koe** (pē'kō) *n.* [ < Chin dial. *pek-ho*, white down (on the leaves used)] a black tea of Sri Lanka and India

**pe·lag·ic** (pi laj'ik) *adj.* [ < Gr *pelagos*, sea] of the open sea or ocean

**pelf** (pelf) *n.* [ < ? MFr *pelfre*, booty] money or wealth regarded with contempt

**pel·i·can** (pel'i kən) *n.* [ < Gr *pelekan*] a large, web-footed water bird with an expandable pouch in the lower bill for scooping up fish

**pel·la·gra** (pə lā'grə, -lag'rə) *n.* [It ult. < L *pellis*, skin + Gr *agra*, seizure] a chronic disease caused by a lack of nicotinic acid in the diet, characterized by skin eruptions and mental disorders

**pel·let** (pel'it) *n.* [ < L *pila*, a ball] 1 a little ball, as of clay or medicine 2 a bullet, piece of lead shot, etc.

**pell·mell** (pel'mel') *adv., adj.* [ < OFr *mesler*, to mix] 1 in a jumble 2 in wild, disorderly haste Also **pell'mell'**

**pel·lu·cid** (pə lōō'sid) *adj.* [ < L *per*, through + *lucere*, to shine] 1 transparent; clear 2 easy to understand

**pelt**<sup>1</sup> (pelt) *vt.* [ME *pelten*] 1 to throw things at 2 to beat repeatedly —*vi.* to strike heavily or steadily: said as of hard rain

**pelt**<sup>2</sup> (pelt) *n.* [prob. < OFr *pel*, a skin] the skin of a fur-bearing animal, esp. when stripped from the carcass

**pel·vis** (pel'vis) *n., pl. -vis·es or -ves'* (-vēz') [L, basin] 1 the basinlike cavity in the posterior part of the trunk in many vertebrates: in humans, it supports the spinal column and rests on the legs 2 the bones forming this cavity —**pel'vic** *adj.*

**pem·mi·can** (pem'i kən) *n.* [ < AmInd] a concentrated food made of dried beef, suet, dried fruit, etc.

**pen**<sup>1</sup> (pen) *n.* [OE *penn*] 1 a small enclosure for domestic animals 2 any small enclosure —*vt.* **penned** or **pent**, **pen'ning** to enclose as in a pen

**pen**<sup>2</sup> (pen) *n.* [ < L *penna*, a feather] a device used in writing, etc. with ink; specif., a) a device with a metal point split into two nibs b) BALLPOINT (PEN) c) FOUNTAIN PEN —*vt.* **penned**, **pen'ning** to write with or as with a pen

**pen**<sup>3</sup> (pen) *n.* [Slang] a penitentiary

**Pen** or **pen** *abbrev.* peninsula

**pe·nal** (pē'nəl) *adj.* [ < Gr *poinē*, penalty] of, for, constituting, or making a person

liable to punishment

**pe·nal·ize** (pē'nə līz', pen'ə-) *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to impose a penalty on; punish —**pe'nal·i·za'tion** *n.*

**pen·al·ty** (pen'əl tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 a punishment 2 the handicap, etc. imposed on an offender, as a fine

**pen·ance** (pen'əns) *n.* [see PENITENT] voluntary self-punishment to show repentance for wrongdoing, sins, etc.

**pence** (pens) *n.* [Brit.] *pl.* of PENNY

**pen·chant** (pen'chənt) *n.* [Fr < *pencher*, to incline] a strong liking

**pen·cil** (pen'səl) *n.* [ < L *penis*, a tail] a rod-shaped instrument with a core of graphite, crayon, etc. that is sharpened to a point for writing, drawing, etc. —*vt.* -ciled or -cilled, -cil·ing or -cil·ing to write, etc. with a pencil

**pend.**(pend) *vi.* [ < L *pendere*, hang] to await judgment or decision

**pend·ant** (pen'dənt) *n.* [see prec.] a hanging ornamental object, as one on a necklace or earring

**pend·ent** (pen'dənt) *adj.* [see PEND] 1 suspended 2 overhanging 3 undecided; pending

**pend'ing** *adj.* [prp. of PEND, infl. by Fr *pendant*, L *pendens*] 1 not decided 2 impending —*prep.* until

**pen·du·lous** (pen'dyōō ləs, -jōō-) *adj.* [see PEND] hanging freely; drooping

**pen·du·lum** (pen'dyōō ləm, -jōō-) *n.* [see PEND] a weight hung so as to swing freely to and fro: used to regulate clock movements

**pen·e·trate** (pen'i trāt') *vt., vi.* -trat'ed, -trat'ing [ < L *penitus*, inward] 1 to enter by or as by piercing 2 to have an effect throughout 3 to affect deeply 4 to understand —**pen'e·tra·ble** (-trə bəl) *adj.* —**pen'e·tra'tion** *n.*

**pen·e·trat·ing** (pen'i trāt'īŋ) *adj.* 1 that penetrates 2 sharp; piercing 3 acute; discerning Also **pen'e·tra'tive** (-trāt'iv)

**pen·guin** (pen'gwin, pen'-) *n.* [prob. < Welsh] a flightless bird of the Southern Hemisphere with webbed feet and flippers for swimming

**pen·i·cil·lin** (pen'i sil'in) *n.* [ < L *penicillus*, brush] an antibiotic obtained from certain molds or produced synthetically

**pen·in·su·la** (pə nin'sə lə) *n.* [ < L *paene*, almost + *insula*, isle] a land area almost surrounded by water —**pen·in'su·lar** *adj.*

**pe·nis** (pē'nīs) *n., pl. -nis·es or -nes'* (-nēz') [L] the male organ of sexual intercourse —**pe'nile'** (-nīl') *adj.*

**pen·i·tent** (pen'i tənt) *adj.* [ < L *paenitere*, repent] sorry for having done wrong and willing to atone —*n.* a penitent person —**pen'i·tence** *n.* —**pen'i·ten'tial** (-ten'shəl) *adj.* —**pen'i·tent·ly** *adv.*

**pen·i·ten·tia·ry** (pen'i ten'shə rē) *n., pl. -ries* a state or federal prison for persons convicted of serious crimes

**pen'knife'** *n., pl. -knives'* (-nīvz') a small pocketknife

**pen'light'** or **pen'lite'** *n.* a flashlight about the size of a fountain pen

**pen'man** (-mən) *n., pl. -men* (-mən) one skilled in penmanship



**pen'man-ship** *n.* handwriting as an art or skill

**Penn** (pen), William 1644-1718; Eng. Quaker: founder of Pennsylvania

**pen name** a pseudonym

**pen-nant** (pen'ənt) *n.* [**< PENNON**] 1 any long, narrow flag 2 such a flag symbolizing a championship, esp. in baseball

**pen-ne** (pen'ā') *n.* pasta in the form of tubes, cut diagonally on the ends

**pen-ni-less** (pen'ə lis) *adj.* without even a penny; extremely poor

**pen-non** (pen'ən) *n.* [**< L penna**, a feather] a flag or pennant

**Penn-syl-va-ni-a** (pen'səl vān'yə) state of the NE U.S.: 44,820 sq. mi.; pop. 11,882,000; cap. Harrisburg: abbrev. PA —**Penn'syl-va-ni-an** *adj.*, *n.*

**pen-ny** (pen'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -nies or pence (pens) [**< OE penig**] 1 in the United Kingdom,  $\frac{1}{100}$  of a pound 2 a U.S. or Canadian cent

**penny arcade** a building, as at an amusement park, with coin-operated games, etc.

**penny pincher** a miserly person — **pen'ny-pinch'ing** *n.*, *adj.*

**pen'ny-weight** *n.* a unit of weight, equal to  $\frac{1}{16}$  ounce troy weight

**pen'ny-wise** *adj.* thrifty in small matters — **penny-wise and pound-foolish** thrifty in small matters but wasteful in major ones

**pe-nol-o-gy** (pē nāl'ə jē) *n.* [**< Gr poinē**, punishment + **-LOGY**] the study of prison management and prison reform

**pen pal** a person, esp. a stranger in another country, with whom one exchanges letters

**pen-sion** (pen'shən) *n.* [**< L pensio**, a paying] a regular payment, not wages, as to one who is retired or disabled —**vt.** to grant a pension to

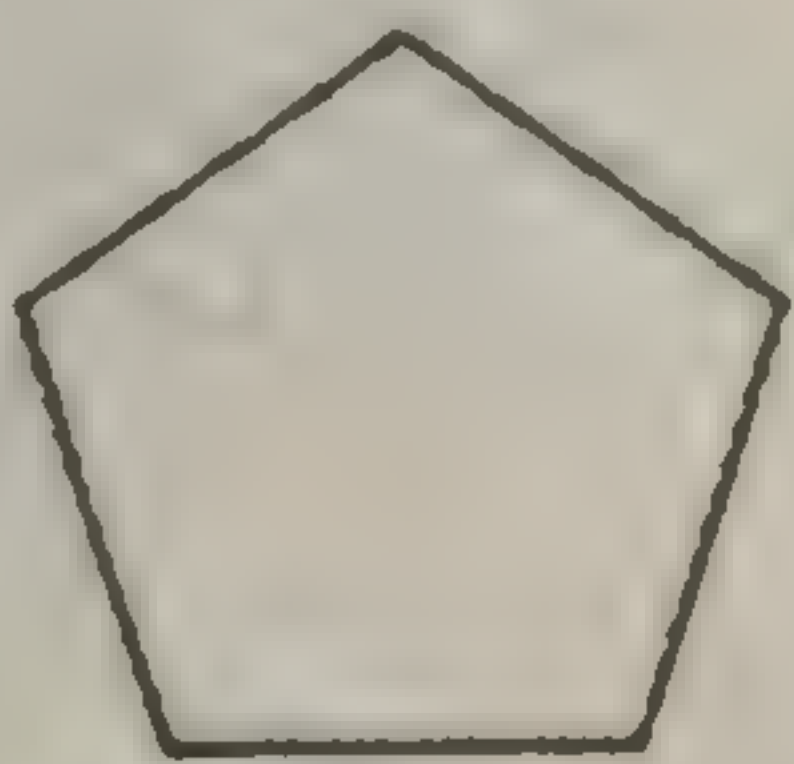
**pen'sion-er** *n.* one who receives a pension

**pen-sive** (pen'siv) *adj.* [**< L pensare**, consider] thoughtful or reflective, often in a melancholy way —**pen'sive-ly** *adv.* —**pen'sive-ness** *n.*

**pent** (pent) *vt.* *alt. pt. & pp.* of **PEN**<sup>1</sup> — *adj.* held or kept in; penned: often with *up*

**penta-** [**< Gr pente**, FIVE] combining form five

**pen-ta-gon** (pen'tə gän') *n.* [**< Gr penta-**, five + **gōnia**, an angle] a plane figure with five angles and five sides —**the Pentagon** the pentagonal office building of the Defense Department, located near Washington, DC — **pen-tag'o-nal** (-tag'ə nəl) *adj.*



PENTAGON

**pen-tam-e-ter** (pen tam'ət ə) *n.* [**see PENTA-** & **METER**<sup>1</sup>] a line of verse containing five metrical feet; esp., English iambic pentameter (Ex.: "Hě jést| át scařs|whő név| ěr félt| ā wóund")

**Pen-ta-teuch** (pen'tə tōōk') *n.* [**< Gr penta-**, five + **teuchos**, book] the first five books of the Bible

**pen-tath-lon** (pen tath'län') *n.* [**< Gr penta-**, five + **athlon**, a contest] an athletic contest in which each contestant takes part in five events —**pen-tath'lete'** (-lēt') *n.*

**Pen-te-cost** (pen'tə kôst') *n.* [**< Gr pentēkostē** (hēmera), the fiftieth (day)] a Christian festival on the seventh Sunday after Easter

**Pen-te-cos-tal** (pen'tə kôs'təl) *adj.* 1 of Pentecost 2 designating or of any of various Protestant fundamentalist sects often stressing direct inspiration by the Holy Spirit —**Pen'te-cos'tal-ism'** *n.*

**pent-house** (pent'hous') *n.* [**ult. < L appendere**, append] an apartment on the roof or on the top floor of a building

**pent-up** (pent'up') *adj.* held in check; curbed [*pent-up emotion*]

**pe-nu-che** or **pe-nu-chi** (pə nōō'chē) *n.* [**var. of PANOCHA**] a candy similar to fudge

**pe-nul-ti-mate** (pē nul'tə mət) *adj.* [**< L paene**, almost + **ULTIMATE**] next to the last

**pe-nu-ri-ous** (pe nyoor'ē əs, -noor'-) *adj.* [**see fol.**] miserly; stingy —**pe-nu'ri-ous-ly** *adv.* —**pe-nu'ri-ous-ness** *n.*

**pen-u-ry** (pen'yōō rē, -yə-) *n.* [**< L penuria**, want] extreme poverty

**pe-on** (pē'än') *n.* [**< ML pedo**, foot soldier] 1 in Spanish America, a member of the laboring class 2 in the SW U.S., a person forced into servitude to work off a debt —**pe'on-age** (-ə nij) *n.*

**pe-o-ny** (pē'ə nē) *n.*, *pl.* -nies [**< Gr Paiōn**, Apollo as god of medicine: from its former medicinal use] 1 a plant with large, showy, pink, white, red, or yellow flowers 2 the flower

**peo-ple** (pē'pəl) *n.*, *pl.* -ples [**< L populus**, nation, crowd] all the persons of a racial or ethnic group; nation, race, etc. —**pl.n.** 1 *pl. of PERSON* (sense 1) 2 the persons of a certain place, group, or class 3 one's family; relatives 4 the populace 5 persons considered indefinitely [what will *people* say?] 6 human beings —**vt.** -pled, -pling to populate

**Pe-or-i-a** (pē ôr'ē ə) city in central Illinois: pop. 114,000

**pep** (pep) [**Inf.**] *n.* [**< fol.**] energy; vigor —**vt.** **pepped**, **pep'ping** to fill with pep; invigorate: with *up* —**pep'py**, -**pi-er**, -**pi-est**, *adj.*

**pep-per** (pep'ər) *n.* [**< Gr peperī**] 1 *a*) a pungent condiment ground from the dried fruits of an East Indian vine *b*) this vine 2 a plant with red or green, sweet or hot pods —**vt.** 1 to season with ground pepper 2 to pelt with small objects

**pep'per-corn'** *n.* the dried berry of the pepper

**pepper mill** a hand mill used to grind peppercorns

**pep'per-mint'** *n.* 1 a plant of the mint family that yields a pungent oil used for flavoring 2 the oil 3 a candy flavored with this oil

**pep-per-o-ni** (pep'ər ô'nē) *n.*, *pl.* -nis or -ni [**< It peperoni**] a hard, highly spiced



Italian sausage

**pepper shaker** a container for ground pepper, with a perforated top

**pep'per-y** *adj.* 1 of, like, or highly seasoned with pepper 2 sharp or fiery, as words 3 hot-tempered

**pep·sin** (pép'sin) *n.* [*< Gr peptein, to digest*] a stomach enzyme, aiding in the digestion of proteins

**pep talk** a talk, as to an athletic team by its coach, to instill enthusiasm, determination, etc.

**pep·tic** (pép'tik) *adj.* [*see PEPSIN*] 1 of or aiding digestion 2 caused by digestive secretions [*a peptic ulcer*]

**per** (pər) *prep.* [*L*] 1 through; by; by means of 2 for each [*fifty cents per yard*] 3 [*Inf.*] according to

**per-** [*< prec.*] *prefix* 1 through, throughout 2 thoroughly

**per·ad·ven·ture** (pər'əd ven'chər) *adv.* [*< OFr par, by + aventure, chance*] [*Archaic*] possibly

**per·am·bu·late** (pər am'byōō lāt') *vt., vi.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [*< L per, through + ambulare, to walk*] to walk (through, over, etc.)

**per·am'bu·la'tor** (-lāt'ər) *n.* [*Chiefly Brit.*] a baby carriage

**per an·num** (pər an'əm) [*L*] yearly

**per·cale** (pər kāl') *n.* [*Fr < Pers pargāla, scrap*] fine, closely woven cotton cloth, used for sheets, etc.

**per cap·i·ta** (pər kap'i tə) [*ML, lit., by heads*] for each person

**per·ceive** (pər sēv') *vt., vi.* -ceiv'ed, -ceiv'ing [*< L per, through + capere, take*] 1 to understand 2 to become aware (of) through the senses

**per·cent** (pər sent') *adv., adj.* [*< L per centum*] in, to, or for every hundred: symbol, %: also *per cent* —*n.* [*Inf.*] percentage

**per·cent'age** *n.* 1 a given part in every hundred 2 part; portion 3 [*Inf.*] advantage; profit

**per·cen·tile** (pər sen'til', -sent'l) *n.* *Statistics* any of 100 divisions of a series, each of equal frequency

**per·cep·ti·ble** (pər sep'tə bəl) *adj.* that can be perceived —*per·cep'ti·bly* *adv.*

**per·cep'tion** (-shən) *n.* [*< L percipere, perceive*] 1 the mental grasp of objects, etc. through the senses 2 insight or intuition 3 the knowledge, etc. gotten by perceiving —*per·cep'tion·al* *adj.*

**per·cep'tive** (-tiv) *adj.* 1 of perception 2 able to perceive quickly —*per·cep'tive·ly* *adv.* —*per·cep'tive·ness* *n.*

**per·cep'tu·al** (-chōō əl) *adj.* of or involving perception

**perch**<sup>1</sup> (pərch) *n., pl. -es* [*< Gr perkē*] 1 a small, spiny-finned, freshwater food fish 2 any of various other spiny-finned fishes

**perch**<sup>2</sup> (pərch) *n.* [*< L pertica, pole*] 1 a horizontal pole, etc. serving as a roost for birds 2 any high resting place —*vi., vt.* to rest or place on or as on a perch

**per·chance** (pər chans') *adv.* [*< OFr par, by + chance, chance*] [*Archaic*] 1

by chance 2 perhaps

**per·co·late** (pər'kə lāt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [*< L per, through + colare, to strain*] to filter (a liquid) through a porous substance —*vi.* to ooze through a porous substance

**per'co·la'tor** (-lāt'ər) *n.* a coffeepot in which the boiling water bubbles up through a tube and filters back down through the ground coffee

**per·cus·sion** (pər kush'ən) *n.* [*< L per-, thoroughly + quatere, shake*] 1 the hitting of one body against another, as the hammer of a firearm against a powder cap (*percussion cap*) 2 the shock, vibration, etc. from this —*adj.* of a musical instrument producing a tone when struck, as a drum, cymbal, etc.

**per·cus'sion·ist** *n.* a musician who plays percussion instruments

**per di·em** (pər dē'am) [*L*] daily

**per·di·tion** (pər dish'ən) *n.* [*< L perdere, to lose*] *Theol.* 1 the loss of the soul 2 HELL

**per·dure** (pər dūr') *vi.* -dured', -dur'ing [*< L perdurare, to endure*] to remain in existence; last

**per·e·gri·nate** (pər'ə gri nāt') *vt., vi.* -nat'ed, -nat'ing [*see PILGRIM*] to travel (along, over, or through) —*per·e·gri·na'tion* *n.*

**per·e·grine (falcon)** (pər'ə grin) a swift falcon much used in falconry

**per·emp·to·ry** (pər emp'tə rē) *adj.* [*< L perimere, destroy*] 1 *Law* barring further action; final 2 that cannot be denied, delayed, etc., as a command 3 dogmatic; imperious

**per·en·ni·al** (pə ren'ē əl) *adj.* [*< L per-, through + annus, year*] 1 continuing for a long time 2 becoming active again and again 3 living more than two years: said of plants —*n.* a perennial plant

**per·fect** (pər'fikt; *for v.* pər fekt') *adj.* [*< L per-, through + facere, do*] 1 complete in all respects; flawless 2 excellent, as in skill or quality 3 completely accurate 4 utter; absolute [*a perfect fool*] 5 *Gram.* expressing a state or action completed at the time of speaking —*vt.* 1 to complete 2 to make perfect or nearly perfect —*per'fect·ly* *adv.*

**per·fec·ta** (pər fek'tə) *n.* [*Sp, perfect*] a bet in which one wins if one correctly picks the first and second place finishers in a race

**per·fect·i·ble** (pər fek'tə bəl) *adj.* that can become, or be made, perfect

**per·fec·tion** (pər fek'shən) *n.* 1 the act of perfecting 2 a being perfect 3 a person or thing that is the perfect embodiment of some quality

**per·fec'tion·ism'** *n.* obsessive striving for perfection —*per·fec'tion·ist* *n., adj.*

**per·fi·dy** (pər'fə dē) *n., pl. -dies* [*< L per, through + fides, faith*] betrayal of trust; treachery —*per·fid·i·ous* (pər fid'ē əs) *adj.*

**per·fo·rate** (pər'fə rāt') *vt., vi.* -rat'ed, -rat'ing [*< L per, through + forare, to bore*] 1 to make a hole or holes through (something), as by boring 2 to pierce with holes in a row —*per·fo·ra'tion* *n.*

**per·force** (pər fōrs') *adv.* [*< OFr: see*



PER & FORCE] necessarily

**per·form** (pər fōrm') *vt.* [*< OFr parfournir*] 1 to do (a task, etc.) 2 to fulfill (a promise, etc.) 3 to render or enact (a piece of music, dramatic role, etc.) —*vi.* to execute an action or process, esp. in a PERFORMANCE (sense 4) — **per·form'er** *n.*

**per·form'ance** *n.* 1 the act of performing 2 functional effectiveness 3 deed or feat 4 *a*) a formal exhibition or presentation, as a play *b*) one's part in this

**performance art** an art form combining elements of several art forms, as dance, film, etc., in a presentation of juxtaposed images on various themes

**performing arts** arts, such as drama, for performance before an audience

**per·fume** (pər fyoom'; *for n. usually pər'fyoom')* *vt.* -fumed', -fum'ing [*< L per-, intens. + fumare, to smoke*] 1 to scent 2 to put perfume on —*n.* a pleasing odor, or a substance producing this, as a volatile oil extracted from flowers

**per·fum'er-y** (-fyoom'mə rē) *n., pl. -ies* perfumes collectively

**per·func·to·ry** (pər funk'tə rē) *adj.* [*< L per-, intens. + fungi, perform*] 1 done without care or interest; superficial 2 indifferent; unconcerned —**per·func'to·ri·ly** *adv.*

**per·go·la** (pər'gə lə) *n.* [*< L pergula*] an arbor with a latticework roof

**per·haps** (pər haps') *adv.* [*PER + pl. of hap, chance*] possibly; maybe

**peri-** [*Gr*] *prefix* 1 around; about 2 near

**per·i·car·di·um** (per'ə kār'dē əm) *n., pl. -di-a* (-ə) [*< Gr peri-, around + kardia, heart*] in vertebrates, the thin, closed sac surrounding the heart —**per·i·car'di·al** *adj.*

**Per·i·cles** (per'ə klēz') 495?-429 B.C.; Athenian statesman & general

**per·i·gee** (per'ə jē') *n.* [*< Gr peri-, near + gē, earth*] the point nearest to the earth in the orbit of the moon or of a man-made satellite

**per·i·he·li·on** (per'ə hē'lē ən) *n., pl. -li-ons or -li-a* (-ə) [*< Gr peri-, around + hēlios, sun*] the point nearest the sun in the orbit of a planet, comet, or man-made satellite

**per·il** (per'əl) *n.* [*< L periculum, danger*] 1 exposure to harm or injury 2 something that may cause harm

**per'il·ous** (-ə ləs) *adj.* involving peril or risk; dangerous —**per'il·ous·ly** *adv.*

**pe·rim·e·ter** (pə rim'ə tər) *n.* [*< Gr peri-, around + metron, measure*] 1 the outer boundary of a figure or area 2 the total length of this

**per·i·ne·um** (per'ə nē'əm) *n., pl. -ne'a* (-ə) [*< Gr perineon*] the small area between the anus and the genitals

**pe·ri·od** (pir'ē əd) *n.* [*< Gr periodos, a cycle*] 1 the interval between successive occurrences of an event 2 a portion of time characterized by certain processes, etc. [*a period of change*] 3 any of the portions of time into which a game, school day, etc. is divided 4 the menses 5 an end, conclusion 6 *a*) the pause in speaking or a mark of punctuation (.) used at the end of a sentence

*b*) the dot (.) following many abbreviations —**interj.** an exclamation used for emphasis

**pe·ri·od·ic** (pir'ē əd'ik) *adj.* 1 appearing or recurring at regular intervals 2 intermittent

**pe'ri·od'i·cal** *adj.* 1 PERIODIC 2 published at regular intervals, as weekly, etc. 3 of a periodical —*n.* a periodical publication —**pe'ri·od'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**periodic table** an arrangement of the chemical elements according to their atomic numbers

**pe·ri·od·i·za·tion** (pir'ē ə də zā'shən) *n.* the dividing, as of history, into chronological periods

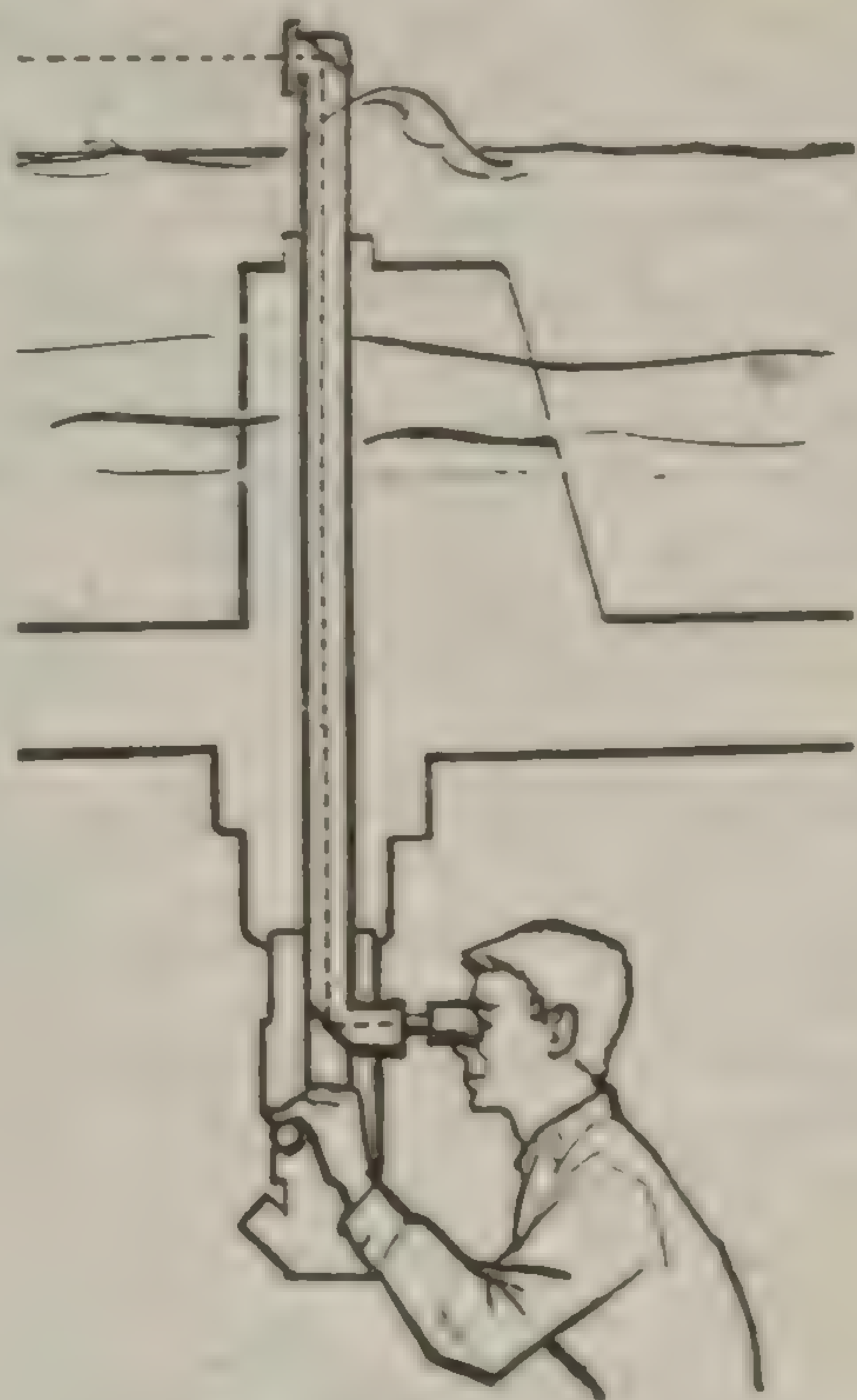
**per·i·o·don·tal** (per'ē ə dānt'əl) *adj.* [*< PERI- + Gr odōn, tooth*] occurring around a tooth or affecting the gums

**per·i·pa·tet·ic** (per'i pə tet'ik) *adj.* [*< Gr peri-, around + patein, walk*] walking or moving about; itinerant

**pe·riph·er·al** (pə rif'ər əl) *adj.* 1 of or forming a periphery 2 outer; external —*n.* a piece of equipment used with a computer to increase its range or efficiency, as a disk, etc.

**pe·riph·er·y** (pə rif'ər ē) *n., pl. -ies* [*< Gr peri-, around + pherein, to bear*] 1 an outer boundary, esp. of a rounded object 2 surrounding space

**pe·riph·ra·sis** (pə rif'rə sis) *n., pl. -ses'* (-sēz') [*< Gr peri-, around + phrazein, to speak*] the use of many words where a few would do —**per·i·phas·tic** (per'ə fras'tik) *adj.*



PERISCOPE

**per·i·scope** (per'ə sköp') *n.* [*PERI- + -SCOPE*] an optical instrument which allows one to see around or over an obstacle: used on submarines, etc.

**per·ish** (per'ish) *vi.* [*< L per-, through + ire, go*] 1 to be destroyed or ruined 2 to die, esp. violently

**per·ish·a·ble** (per'ish ə bəl) *adj.* that may perish; esp., liable to spoil, as some foods —*n.* something, esp. a food, liable to spoil



**per-i-stal-sis** (per'ə stal'sis, -stôl'-) *n.*, *pl.* -ses' (-sēz') [*<* Gr *peri-*, around + *stel-lein*, to place] the contractions and dilations of the alimentary canal, moving the contents onward — **per-i-stal'tic** *adj.*

**per-i-to-ne-um** (per'ə tə nē'am) *n.*, *pl.* -ne'a (-ə) or -ne'ums [*<* Gr *peri-*, around + *teinein*, to stretch] the serous membrane lining the abdominal cavity

**per-i-to-ni'tis** (-nīt'is) *n.* inflammation of the peritoneum

**per-i-wig** (per'ə wig') *n.* [altered *<* Fr *perruque*] a wig of a type formerly worn by men

**per-i-win-kle**<sup>1</sup> (per'ə win'kəl) *n.* [*<* L *pervincire*, entwine] a creeping plant with blue, white, or pink flowers

**per-i-win-kle**<sup>2</sup> (per'ə win'kəl) *n.* [OE *pinewinkle*] a small saltwater snail with a spherical shell

**per-jure** (pər'jər) *vt.* -jured, -juring [*<* L *per*, through + *jurare*, swear] to make (oneself) guilty of perjury — **per'jur-er** *n.*

**per-ju-ry** (pər'jə rē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries [*<* L *perjurus*, false] the willful telling of a lie while under oath

**perk**<sup>1</sup> (pər'k) *vt.* [ME *perken*] 1 to raise (the head, ears, etc.) briskly 2 to give a smart, fresh, or vivacious look to Often with *up* — *vi.* to become lively: with *up* — **perk'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**perk**<sup>2</sup> (pər'k) *vt.*, *vi.* [Inf.] short for PERCOLATE

**perk**<sup>3</sup> (pər'k) *n.* [Inf.] short for PERQUISITE

**perm** (pərm) [Inf.] *n.* short for PERMANENT — *vt.* to give a permanent to

**per-ma-frost** (pər'mə frôst') *n.* permanently frozen subsoil

**per-ma-nent** (pər'mə nənt) *adj.* [*<* L *per*, through + *manere*, remain] lasting or intended to last indefinitely or for a long time — *n.* a long-lasting hair wave produced by use of chemicals or heat

**per-me-a-ble** (pər'mē ə bəl) *adj.* that can be permeated, as by fluids — **per-me-a-bil'i-ty** *n.*

**per'me-ate**' (-āt') *vt.*, *vi.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*<* L *per*, through + *meare*, to glide] to spread or diffuse; penetrate (*through* or *among*)

**per-mis-si-ble** (pər mis'ə bəl) *adj.* that can be permitted; allowable

**per-mis-sion** (pər mish'an) *n.* the act of permitting; esp., formal consent

**per-mis'sive** (-mis'iv) *adj.* 1 that permits 2 allowing freedom; lenient — **per-mis'sive-ly** *adv.* — **per-mis'sive-ness** *n.*

**per-mit** (pər mit'; *for n.* pər'mit', pər mit') *vt.* -mit'ted, -mit'ting [*<* L *per*, through + *mittere*, send] 1 to allow; consent to 2 to authorize — *vi.* to give opportunity [if time *permits*] — *n.* a license

**per-mu-ta-tion** (pər'myō tā'shən) *n.* [*<* L *per-*, intens. + *mutare*, change] 1 any radical alteration 2 any of the total number of groupings possible within a group

**per-ni-cious** (pər nish'əs) *adj.* [*<* L *<* *per*, thoroughly + *necare*, kill] very

harmful or destructive — **per-ni'cious-ly** *adv.*

**per-o-ra-tion** (per'ə rā'shən) *n.* [*<* L *per*, through + *orare*, speak] the concluding part of a speech

**per-ox-ide** (pər äk'sid') *n.* [*<* L *per*, through + *OXIDE*] any oxide containing the oxygen group linked by a single bond; specif., hydrogen peroxide — *vt.* -id'ed, -id'ing to bleach (hair, etc.) with hydrogen peroxide

**per-pen-dic-u-lar** (pər'pən dik'yō lər, -yā-) *adj.* [*<* L *perpendicularum*, plumb line] 1 at right angles to a given plane or line 2 exactly upright; vertical — *n.* a line or plane at right angles to another line or plane

**per-pe-trate** (pər'pə trāt') *vt.* -trat'ed, -trat'ing [*<* L *per*, thoroughly + *patrare*, to effect] 1 to do (something evil, criminal, etc.) 2 to commit (a blunder, etc.) — **per-pe-tra'tion** *n.* — **per-pe-tra'tor** *n.*

**per-pet-u-al** (pər pech'ō əl) *adj.* [*<* L *perpetuus*, constant] 1 lasting forever or for a long time 2 continuing without interruption; constant — **per-pet'u-al-ly** *adv.*

**per-pet'u-ate**' (-āt') *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing to make perpetual; cause to continue or be remembered — **per-pet'u-a'tion** *n.*

**per-pe-tu-i-ty** (pər'pə tōō'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties unlimited time; eternity — **in per-petuity** forever

**per-plex** (pər pleks') *vt.* [*<* L *per*, through + *plectere*, twist] to make (a person) uncertain, doubtful, etc.; confuse — **per-plex'ing** *adj.* — **per-plex'i-ty**, *pl.* -ties, *n.*

**per-qui-site** (pər'kwi zit) *n.* [*<* L *per-*, intens. + *quaerere*, seek] something in addition to regular pay for one's work, as a tip

**per se** (pər' sē', -sē') [L] by (or in) itself; intrinsically

**per-se-cute** (pər'si kyōōt') *vt.* -cut'ed, -cut'ing [*<* L *per*, through + *sequi*, follow] to afflict constantly so as to injure or distress, as for reasons of religion, race, etc. — **per-se-cu'tion** *n.* — **per-se-cu'tor** *n.*

**per-se-ver-e** (pər'sə vir') *vi.* -ver'ed', -ver'ing [*<* L *per-*, intens. + *severus*, severe] to continue a course of action, etc. in spite of difficulty, opposition, etc. — **per-se-ver'ance** *n.*

**Persia** (pər'zhə) former name for IRAN

**Persian** (pər'zhən, -shən) *adj.* of Persia or its people, language, etc. — *n.* 1 person born or living in Persia 2 the language of Iran 3 a variety of domestic cat with a long, thick, glossy coat

**Persian Gulf** arm of the Indian Ocean, between Iran & Arabia

**Persian lamb** the pelt of karakul lambs

**per-si-flage** (pər'sə flāzh') *n.* [Fr *<* L *per*, through + *sifilare*, to hiss] frivolous talk or writing

**per-sim-mon** (pər sim'an) *n.* [*<* AmInd] 1 a hardwood tree with plumlike fruit 2 the fruit

**per-sist** (pər sist', -zist') *vi.* [*<* L *per*, through + *sistere*, cause to stand] 1 to refuse to give up, esp. when faced with opposition 2 to continue insistently 3 to endure; remain



**per-sist'ent** *adj.* 1 continuing, esp. in the face of opposition, etc. 2 continuing to exist or endure 3 constantly repeated —**per-sist'ence** *n.*

**per-snick-e-ty** (pər snik'ə tē) *adj.* [*<* Scot dial.] [*Inf.*] too particular or precise; fussy

**per-son** (pər'sən) *n.* [*<* L *persona*] 1 a human being: now usually pluralized as *people* 2 the human body 3 personality; self 4 *Gram.* any of the three sets of pronouns and corresponding verb forms: see FIRST PERSON, SECOND PERSON, THIRD PERSON 5 *Law* any individual or incorporated group having certain legal rights and responsibilities — **in person** actually present

**-per-son** (pər'sən) *combining form* person in a (specified) activity: used to avoid the masculine implication of *-man* [*chairperson*]

**per'son-a-ble** *adj.* [*ME personabilis*] having a pleasing appearance and personality

**per'son-age** *n.* a person; esp., an important person; notable

**per'son-al** (-nəl) *adj.* 1 private; individual 2 done in person 3 involving human beings [*personal* relationships] 4 of the body or physical appearance 5 *a*) having to do with the character, conduct, etc. of a person [*a personal* remark] *b*) tending to make personal, esp. derogatory, remarks 6 *Gram.* indicating PERSON (sense 4) 7 *Law* of property (**personal property**) that is movable

**personal computer** MICROCOMPUTER

**personal effects** personal belongings, esp. those worn or carried

**per-son-al-i-ty** (pər'sə nal'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 distinctive individual qualities of a person, considered collectively 2 such qualities seen as being attractive to others 3 a notable person 4 [*pl.*] offensive remarks aimed at a person

**per-son-al-ize** (pər'sə nə liz') *vt. -ized', -iz'ing* 1 to apply to a particular person, esp. to oneself 2 to have marked with one's name, etc.

**per'son-al-ly** *adv.* 1 in person 2 as a person [*I dislike him personally*] 3 in one's own opinion 4 as though directed at oneself

**per-so-na non gra-ta** (pər sō'nə nōn grāt'ə) [*L*] an unwelcome person

**per-son-i-fy** (pər sən'ə fī') *vt. -fied', -fy'ing* 1 to think of or represent (a thing) as a person 2 to typify; embody —**per-son'i-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**per-son-nel** (pər'sə nel') *n.* [*Fr*] 1 persons employed in any work, enterprise, service, etc. 2 a personnel department or office —*adj.* of or relating to the division within a business, etc. responsible for hiring and training employees, etc.

**per-spec-tive** (pər spek'tiv) *n.* [*<* L *per*, through + *specere*, look] 1 the art of picturing objects so as to show relative distance or depth 2 the appearance of objects as determined by their relative distance and positions 3 sense of proportion 4 *a*) a specific point of view in understanding things or events *b*) the ability to see things in a true relation-

ship

**per-spi-ca-cious** (pər'spi kă'shəs) *adj.* [*see prec.*] having keen judgment; discerning —**per'spi-ca'cious-ly** *adv.* —**per'spi-cac'i-ty** (-kas'ə tē) *n.*

**per-spic-u-ous** (pər spik'yō əs) *adj.* [*see PERSPECTIVE*] easily understood; lucid —**per-spi-cu-i-ty** (pər'spi kyō'ə tē) *n.*

**per-spi-ra-tion** (pər'spə rā'shən) *n.* 1 the action of perspiring 2 sweat

**per-spire** (pər spīr') *vt., vi. -spired', -spir'ing* [*<* L *per-*, through + *spirare*, breathe] to sweat

**per-suade** (pər swād') *vt. -suad'ed, -suad'ing* [*<* L *per-*, intens. + *suadere*, to urge] to cause to do or believe something by reasoning, urging, etc.; induce or convince —**per-suad'er** *n.*

**per-sua-sion** (pər swā'zhən) *n.* 1 a persuading or being persuaded 2 power of persuading 3 a strong belief 4 a particular religious belief

**per-sua'sive** *adj.* having the power, or tending, to persuade —**per-sua'sive-ly** *adv.*

**pert** (pərt) *adj.* [*<* L *apertus*, open] 1 impudent; saucy 2 chic and jaunty —**pert'ly** *adv.*

**per-tain** (pər tăn') *vi.* [*<* L *per-*, intens. + *tenere*, hold] 1 to belong; be connected or associated 2 to be appropriate 3 to have reference

**per-ti-na-cious** (pərt'n ā'shəs) *adj.* [*<* L *per-*, intens. + *tenax*, holding fast] 1 holding firmly to some purpose, belief, etc. 2 hard to get rid of —**per-ti-nac'i-ty** (-as'ə tē) *n.*

**per-ti-nent** (pərt'n ənt) *adj.* [*see PERTAIN*] having some connection with the matter at hand —**per-ti-nence** *n.*

**per-turb** (pər tərb') *vt.* [*<* L *per-*, intens. + *turbare*, disturb] to cause to be alarmed, agitated, or upset —**per-tur-ba-tion** (pərtər bā'shən) *n.*

**Pe·ru** (pə rōō') country in W South America, on the Pacific: 480,041 sq. mi.; pop. 22,048,000 —**Pe·ru'vi-an** (-vē ən) *adj., n.*

**pe-ruke** (pə rōōk') *n.* [*Fr perruque*] PERIWIG

**pe-ruse** (pə rōōz') *vt. -rused', -rus'ing* [*prob. <* L *per-*, intens. + *ME usen*, to use] 1 to read carefully; study 2 to read in a leisurely way —**pe-rus'al** *n.*

**per-vade** (pər vād') *vt. -vad'ed, -vad'ing* [*<* L *per*, through + *vadere*, go] to spread or be prevalent throughout —**per-va'sive** (-vā'siv) *adj.*

**per-verse** (pər vɜrs') *adj.* [*see PERVERT*] 1 deviating from what is considered right or good 2 stubbornly contrary 3 obstinately disobedient —**per-verse'ly** *adv.* —**per-verse'ness** or **per-ver'si-ty** *n.*

**per-ver-sion** (pər vɜr'zhən) *n.* 1 a perverting or being perverted 2 something perverted 3 any sexual act or practice considered abnormal

**per-vert** (pər vɜrt'; *for n.* pɜr'vɜrt') *vt.* [*<* L *per-*, intens. + *vertere*, turn] 1 to lead astray; corrupt 2 to misuse 3 to distort —*n.* one practicing sexual perversion



**pe-se-ta** (pə sāt'ə) *n.* [Sp, dim. of *peso*, peso] the former monetary unit of Spain, superseded in 2002 by the EURO

**pes-ky** (pes'kē) *adj.* -ki-er, -ki-est [prob. var. of *pesty*] [Inf.] annoying; troublesome —**pes'ki-ness** *n.*

**pe-so** (pā'sō) *n.*, *pl.* -sos [Sp < L *pensum*; something weighed] the monetary unit of various countries, including Mexico, Colombia, Chile, etc.

**pes-si-mism** (pes'ə miz'əm) *n.* [< L *pejor*, worse] 1 the belief that the evil in life outweighs the good 2 the tendency to expect the worst —**pes'si-mist** *n.* —**pes'si-mis'tic** *adj.* —**pes'si-mis'ti-cal-ly** *adv.*

**pest** (pest) *n.* [< L *pestis*; plague] a person or thing that is troublesome, destructive, etc.; specif., a rat, fly, weed, etc.

**pes-ter** (pes'tər) *vt.* [< OFr *empestrer*, entangle] to annoy; vex

**pest'hole** *n.* a place infested with an epidemic disease

**pes-ti-cide** (pes'tə sīd') *n.* any chemical for killing insects, weeds, etc.

**pes-tif-er-ous** (pes tif'ər əs) *adj.* [< L *pestis*, plague + *ferre*, to bear] 1 noxious 2 [Inf.] annoying

**pes-ti-lence** (pes'tə ləns) *n.* 1 a deadly epidemic disease; plague 2 anything regarded as harmful

**pes-ti-lent** (pes'tə lənt) *adj.* [< L *pestis*, plague] 1 likely to cause death 2 dangerous to society [the *pestilent* threat of war] 3 annoying

**pes-tle** (pes'əl) *n.* [< L *pinsere*, to pound] a tool used to pound or grind substances, esp. in a mortar

**pes-to** (pes'tō) *n.* [see prec.] a sauce for pasta, of ground basil and garlic mixed with olive oil

**pet**<sup>1</sup> (pet) *n.* [orig. Scot dial.] 1 an animal that is domesticated and kept as a companion 2 a person treated with particular indulgence —*adj.* 1 kept or treated as a pet 2 especially liked 3 particular [a *pet* peeve] 4 showing fondness [a *pet* name] —*vt.* **pet'ted**, **pet'ting** to stroke or pat gently; caress —*vi.* [Inf.] to kiss, embrace, etc. as lovers do

**pet**<sup>2</sup> (pet) *n.* [< ?] a sulky mood

**pet-al** (pet'l) *n.* [< Gr *petalos*, outspread] any of the leaflike parts of a blossom

**pe-tard** (pi tård') *n.* [< Fr] used chiefly in hoist with (or by) one's own petard, destroyed by the very thing with which one meant to destroy others

**pet-cock** (pet'kāk') *n.* [< L *pedere*, break wind + *cock*, valve] a small valve for draining pipes, etc.

**pe-ter** (pēt'ər) *vi.* [< ?] [Inf.] to become gradually smaller, weaker, etc. and then disappear: with *out*

**Pe-ter** (pēt'ər) *n.* *Bible* (original name *Simon*) (died A.D. 64?); one of the twelve Apostles, a fisherman: reputed author of two Letters: also **Saint Peter**

**Peter I** 1672-1725; czar of Russia (1682-1725): called *Peter the Great*

**pet-i-ole** (pet'ē ōl') *n.* [< L *pes*, FOOT] LEAFSTALK

**pe-tite** (pə tēt') *adj.* [Fr] small and trim in figure: said of a woman

**pe-tit four** (pet'ē fôr') *pl.* **pe-tits fours** or **pe-tit fours** (pet'ē fôrz') [Fr, lit., small oven] a tiny, frosted cake

**pe-ti-tion** (pə tish'ən) *n.* [< L *petere*, seek] 1 a solemn, earnest request; entreaty 2 a formal document embodying such a request, often signed by many people 3 *Law* a written formal request asking for a specific court action —*vt.* to address a petition to —*vi.* to make a petition —**pe-ti'tion-er** *n.*

**pe-tit jury** (pet'ē) a group of citizens picked to decide the issues of a trial in court

**pet-rel** (pe'trəl) *n.* [< ?] a small sea bird with long wings

**pet-ri-fy** (pe'tri fī') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [< L *petra*, rock + *facere*, make] 1 to turn into stone 2 to harden or deaden 3 to paralyze, as with fear

**petro-** [< Gr *petra*, rock] *combining form* 1 rock or stone 2 petroleum 3 of or relating to the petroleum business

**pet-ro-chem-i-cal** (pe'trō kem'i kəl) *n.* a chemical with a petroleum base

**pet'ro-dol'lars** *pl.n.* revenue from the sale of petroleum

**pet-rol** (pe'trəl) *n.* [see PETROLEUM] *Brit. term for GASOLINE*

**pet-ro-la-tum** (pe'trə lāt'əm) *n.* [< fol.] a greasy, jellylike substance derived from petroleum and used in ointments, etc.: also **petroleum jelly**

**pe-tro-le-um** (pə trō'lē əm) *n.* [< L *petra*, rock + *oleum*, oil] an oily, liquid solution of hydrocarbons, occurring naturally in certain rock strata: it yields kerosene, gasoline, etc.

**PET (scan)** (pet) [p(ositron) e(mission) t(omography)], an X-ray technique] a type of X-raying that shows metabolic activity, used to detect abnormalities, esp. of the brain: also **PETT scan**

**pet-ti-coat** (pet'ē kōt', pet'i-) *n.* [< PETTY + COAT] a woman's underskirt

**pet-ti-fog-ger** (pet'i fäg'ər, -fōg'-; pet'ē-) *n.* [< PETTY + *fogger* < ?] 1 a lawyer who handles petty cases, esp. unethically 2 one who quibbles —**pet'ti-fog'**, -fogged', -fog'ging, *vi.*

**pet-tish** (pet'ish) *adj.* [< PET<sup>2</sup>] peevish; petulant —**pet'tish-ly** *adv.*

**pet-ty** (pet'ē) *adj.* -ti-er, -ti-est [< OFr *petit*] 1 relatively unimportant 2 small-minded; mean 3 relatively low in rank —**pet'ti-ness** *n.*

**petty cash** a cash fund for incidentals

**petty officer** *U.S. Navy* a naval enlisted person who is a noncommissioned officer

**pet-u-lant** (pech'ə lənt) *adj.* [< L *petere*, to rush at] impatient or irritable, esp. over a petty annoyance —**pet'u-lance** *n.* —**pet'u-lant-ly** *adv.*

**pe-tu-ni-a** (pə tōn'yə) *n.* [ult. < AmInd (Brazil)] a plant with showy, funnel-shaped flowers

**pew** (pyō) *n.* [ult. < Gr *pous*, foot] any of the benches with a back that are fixed in rows in a church



**pe-wee** (pē'wē') *n.* [echoic of its call] a small flycatcher.

**pew-ter** (pyōt'ər) *n.* [OFr *peautre*] 1 an alloy of tin with antimony, copper, lead, etc. 2 articles made of this

**pe-yo-te** (pā ōt'ē) *n.* [AmSp < AmInd (Mexico) *peyotl*, caterpillar] Mescal: see also Mescaline

**pf** or **pdf** *abbrev.* preferred

**PFC** or **Pfc** *abbrev.* Private First Class

**pg** *abbrev.* page

**PG** *trademark* for a film rating indicating parents may find some content unsuitable for children under 17

**PG-13** *trademark* for a film rating indicating parents may find some content especially unsuitable for children under 13

**pH** (pē'āch') *n.* [< Fr *p(ouvoir) h(ydro-gène)*, lit., hydrogen power] the degree of acidity or alkalinity of a solution

**pha-e-ton** or **pha-ē-ton** (fā'ə tən) *n.* [after *Phaetōn*, son of Helios, Gr sun god] 1 a light, four-wheeled carriage 2 an early type of open automobile

**phag-o-cyte** (fag'ə sīt') *n.* [< Gr *phagein*, to eat + *kytos*, hollow] any cell, esp. a leukocyte, that destroys foreign matter in the blood and tissues

**pha-lan-ger** (fə lan'jər) *n.* [< Gr *phalanx*, bone between fingers or toes] a small, tree-dwelling Australian marsupial

**pha-lanx** (fā'lanks') *n.*, *pl.* -lanx'es; also, and for 3 always, **pha-lan-ges** (fə lan'jēz') [Gr, line of battle] 1 an ancient close-ranked infantry formation 2 any massed group 3 any of the bones forming the fingers or toes

**phal-lo-cen-tric** (fal'ō sen'trik) *adj.* dominated by attitudes regarded as typically masculine

**phal-lus** (fal'əs) *n.*, *pl.* -li' (-ī') or -lus-es [Gr *phallos*] an image of the penis — **phal'lic** *adj.*

**phan-tasm** (fan'taz'əm) *n.* [< Gr *phantazein*, to show] 1 a figment of the mind 2 a deceptive likeness

**phan-tas-ma-go-ri-a** (fan taz'mə gōr'ē ə) *n.* [< Gr *phantasma*, phantasm + *ageirein*, assemble] a rapid sequence of images, as in a dream

**phan-tom** (fan'təm) *n.* [see PHANTASM] 1 an apparition; specter 2 an illusion — *adj.* of or like a phantom; illusory

**Phar-aoh** (far'ō, fā'rō') *n.* [sometimes *p-*] the title of the kings of ancient Egypt

**Phar-i-see** (far'ə sē') *n.* 1 a member of an ancient Jewish group that observed both the written and the oral law 2 [< characterization in NT] [*p-*] a self-righteous, hypocritical person — **phar-i-sa'ic** (-sā'ik) *adj.*

**phar-ma-ceu-ti-cal** (fär'mə-sōōt'i kəl) *adj.* [< Gr *pharmakon*, a drug] of pharmacy or drugs: also **phar'ma-ceu'tic** — *n.* a drug or medicine

**phar'ma-ceu'tics** (-iks) *n.* PHARMACY (sense 1)

**phar-ma-cist** (fär'mə sist) *n.* one licensed to practice pharmacy; druggist

**phar'ma-col'o-gy** (-kāl'ə jē) *n.* [< Gr *pharmakon*, a drug] the science dealing with the effect of drugs on living organ-

isms

**phar'ma-co-pe'ia** or **phar'ma-co-poe'ia** (-kō pē'ə) *n.* [< Gr *pharmakon*, a drug + *poiein*, to make] an official book listing drugs and medicines

**phar-ma-cy** (fär'mə sē) *n.*, *pl.* -cies [< Gr *pharmakon*, a drug] 1 the art or profession of preparing drugs and medicines 2 a drugstore

**phar-yn-gi-tis** (far'in jīt'is) *n.* inflammation of the pharynx; sore throat

**phar-ynx** (far'inks) *n.*, *pl.* **pha-ryn-ges** (fə rin'jēz') or **phar'ynx-es** [Gr *pharynx*, throat] the cavity leading from the mouth and nasal passages to the larynx and esophagus — **pha-ryn-ge-al** (fə rin'jē əl) *adj.*

**phase** (fāz) *n.* [< Gr *phainesthai*, appear] 1 any stage in a series or cycle of changes, as in the moon's illumination 2 an aspect or side, as of a problem — *vt.* **phased**, **phas'ing** to introduce or carry out in stages: often with *in* or *into* — *in* (or *out of*) **phase in** (or *not in*) synchronization — **phase out** to bring or come to an end by stages

**phase'out** *n.* a phasing out; gradual termination or withdrawal

**PhD** or **Ph.D.** *abbrev.* [L *Philosophiae Doctor*] Doctor of Philosophy

**pheasant** (fez'ənt) *n.* [< Gr *phasianos*, (bird) of *Phasis*, river in Asia] a large game bird with a long, sweeping tail and brilliant feathers

**phe-nac-e-tin** (fē nas'ə tin) *n.* a white, crystalline powder used to reduce fever, relieve headaches, etc.

**phe-no-bar-bi-tal** (fē'nə bār'bi tōl') *n.* an odorless, white, crystalline powder used as a sedative

**phe-nol** (fē'nōl', -nōl', -nāl') *n.* a white, crystalline compound, corrosive and poisonous, used to make synthetic resins, etc. and, in dilute solution (*carbolic acid*) as an antiseptic

**phe-nol-phthal-ein** (fē'nōl thal'ēn', -ē in) *n.* a white to pale-yellow, crystalline powder used as a laxative, as an acid-base indicator in chemical analysis, etc.

**phe-nom** (fē'nām) *n.* [< fol.] [Slang] one who is very talented or skilled: specif., a young, very gifted athlete

**phe-nom-e-non** (fə nām'ə nən, -nān') *n.*, *pl.* -na (-nə); also, esp. for 2 and usually for 3, -nons' [< Gr *phainesthai*, appear] 1 any observable fact or event that can be scientifically described 2 anything very unusual 3 [Inf.] an extraordinary person; prodigy — **phe-nom'e-nal** *adj.*

**pher-o-mone** (fer'ə mōn') *n.* [< Gr *pher-ein*, carry + (HOR)MONE] a chemical substance secreted by certain animals, as ants, that conveys information to others of the same species

**phi** (fī, fē) *n.* the 21st letter of the Greek alphabet (Φ, φ)

**phi-al** (fī'al) *n.* [< Gr *phialē*, shallow bowl] a small glass bottle; vial

**Phil-a-del-phi-a** (fil'ə del'fē ə) city & port in SE Pennsylvania: pop. 1,586,000

**Philadelphia lawyer** [Inf.] a shrewd or tricky lawyer



**phi-lan-der** (fi lán'dər, fə-) *vi.* [[ult. < Gr *philos*, loving + *anēr*, a man]] to engage lightly in love affairs: said of a man — **phi-lan'der-er** *n.*

**phi-lan-thro-py** (fə lán'thrə pē) *n.* [[< Gr *philein*, to love + *anthrōpos*, human being]] 1 a desire to help mankind, esp. as shown by gifts to institutions, etc. 2 *pl.* -pies a philanthropic gift, institution, etc. — **phil-an-throp-ic** (fil'an thräp'ik) *adj.* — **phi-lan'thro-pist** *n.*

**phi-lat-e-ly** (fə lat'ē) *n.* [[< Fr < Gr *philos*, loving + *ateleia*, exemption from (further) tax (meaning "postage prepaid")]] the collection and study of postage stamps, postmarks, etc. — **phi-lat'e-list** *n.*

**-phile** (fil, fil) [[< Gr *philos*, loving]] *combining form* one that loves or is attracted to

**Phil-har-mon-ic** (fil'här män'ik) *adj.* [[ult. < Gr *philos*, loving + *harmonia*, harmony]] designating a group formed to sponsor a symphony orchestra — *n.* an orchestra so sponsored

**phi-lip-pic** (fi lip'ik) *n.* [[< Gr *Philippos*, Philip, Macedonian king denounced by Demosthenes]] a bitter verbal attack

**Phil-ip-pines** (fil'ə pēnz') *n.* country consisting of c. 7,100 islands (**Philippine Islands**) in the SW Pacific off the SE coast of Asia: 115,830 sq. mi.; pop. 60,559,000 — **Phil'ip-pine'** (-pēn') *adj.*

**Phil-is-tine** (fil'ə stēn') *n.* 1 a member of a non-Semitic people of SW Palestine in biblical times 2 [[< a Ger slang word] often p-] a person regarded as smugly conventional, lacking culture, etc.

**Phil-lips** (fil'ips) [[after H. F. Phillips (?-1958), its U.S. developer]] *trademark* for a screwdriver (**Phillips screwdriver**) with a cross-shaped, pointed tip

**philo-** [[< Gr *philos*, loving]] *combining form* loving, liking

**phil-o-den-dron** (fil'ə den'drən) *n.* [[< Gr *philos*, loving + *dendron*, tree]] a tropical American vine used as a house-plant

**phi-lol-o-gy** (fi läl'ə jē) *n.* [[< Gr *philein*, to love + *logos*, word]] *former term* for LINGUISTICS — **phil-o-log-i-cal** (fil'ə läj'ikəl) *adj.* — **phi-lol'o-gist** *n.*

**phi-los-o-pher** (fə lās'ə fər) *n.* [[< Gr *philos*, loving + *sophos*, wise]] 1 one who is an expert in philosophy 2 one who expounds a system of philosophy 3 one who meets difficulties calmly

**phil-o-soph-ic** (fil'ə säf'ik) *adj.* 1 of philosophy or philosophers 2 sensibly composed or calm Also **phil'o-soph'i-cal**

**phi-los-o-phize** (fə lās'ə fīz') *vi.* -phized', -phiz'ing 1 to think or reason like a philosopher 2 to moralize, express truisms, etc.

**phi-los-o-phy** (fə lās'ə fē) *n.* [[see PHILOSOPHER]] 1 the study of the principles underlying conduct, thought, and the nature of the universe 2 the general principles of a field of knowledge 3 *pl.* -phies a particular system of principles for the conduct of life

**phil-ter** (fil'tər) *n.* [[< Gr *philein*, to love]] a magic potion, esp. one thought to

arouse sexual love: also [Chiefly Brit.] **phil'tre** (-tər)

**phle-bi-tis** (flə bīt'is) *n.* [[< Gr *phleps*, vein + -ITIS]] inflammation of a vein

**phle-bot-o-my** (fli bät'ə mē) *n.* [[< Gr *phleps*, vein + *temnein*, to cut]] the practice of taking blood from the body for therapeutic purposes

**phlegm** (flem) *n.* [[< Gr *phlegma*, inflammation]] 1 thick mucus discharged from the throat, as during a cold 2 sluggishness or apathy

**phleg-mat-ic** (fleg mat'ik) *adj.* [[see prec.]] sluggish or unexcited — **phleg-mat'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**phlo-em** (flō'em') *n.* [[< Gr *phloos*, bark]] the vascular tissue through which food is distributed in a plant

**phlox** (fläks) *n.* [[Gr, lit., a flame]] a North American plant with clusters of white, pink, or bluish flowers

**-phobe** (fōb) [[< Gr *phobos*, fear]] *combining form* one who fears or hates

**pho-bi-a** (fō'bē ə) *n.* [[see prec.]] an irrational, excessive, and persistent fear of some thing or situation — **pho'bic** *adj.*

**-pho-bi-a** (fō'bē ə) [[Gr, -*phobia* < *phobos*, fear]] *combining form* fear, dread, hatred

**phoe-be** (fē'bē) *n.* [[echoic, with sp. after *Phoebe*, Gr goddess of the moon]] an American bird with a grayish or brown back, that catches insects in flight

**Phoe-ni-cia** (fə nish'ə, -nē'shə) ancient region at the E end of the Mediterranean — **Phoe-ni'cian** *adj.*, *n.*

**phoe-nix** (fē'niks) [[< Gr *phoinix*] *Egypt. Myth.* a bird that lives for 500 years and then sets itself on fire, rising renewed from the ashes.

**Phoe-nix** (fē'niks) capital of Arizona: pop. 983,000

**phone** (fōn) *n.*, *vt.*, *vi.* **phoned**, **phon'ing** *short for* TELEPHONE

**-phone** (fōn) [[< Gr *phōnē*, a sound]] *combining form* 1 a device producing or transmitting sound 2 a telephone

**phone card** CALLING CARD (sense 2)

**pho-neme** (fō'nēm') *n.* [[< Fr < Gr *phōnē*, voice]] *Linguistics* a set of related speech sounds with slight variations, that are heard as the same sound by native speakers — **pho-ne-mic** (fō nē'mik, fə-) *adj.*

**pho-net-ics** (fō net'iks, fə-) *n.* [[< Gr *phōnē*, a sound]] the study of the production of speech sounds and their representation in written symbols — **pho-net'ic** *adj.* — **pho-ne-ti-cian** (fō'nə tish'ən) *n.*

**phon-ics** (fän'iks) *n.* [[< Gr *phōnē*, a sound]] a phonetic method of teaching reading — **phon'ic** *adj.*

**phono-** [[< Gr *phōnē*, a sound]] *combining form* sound, tone, speech [*phonology*]

**pho-no-graph** (fō'nə graf') *n.* [[prec. + -GRAPH]] a device for reproducing sound recorded in a spiral groove on a revolving disk — **pho'no-graph'ic** *adj.*

**pho-nol-o-gy** (fō näl'ə jē, fə-) *n.* [[PHONO- + -LOGY]] 1 the study of speech sounds 2 a description of the sounds of a given language — **pho'no-**



**log'i-cal** (-nō lāj'i kəl, -nə-) *adj.* —**pho-nol'o-gist** *n.*

**pho·ny** (fō'nē) [*Inf.*] *adj.* -ni·er, -ni·est [*<* Brit thieves' argot *fawney*, gilt ring] not genuine; false —*n.*, *pl.* -nies something or someone not genuine; fraud; fake Also sp. **pho'ney** —**pho'ni-ness** *n.*

**phoo·ey** (fōō'ē) *interj.* [echoic] used to express scorn, disgust, etc.

**phos·phate** (fäs'fāt') *n.* [Fr] 1 a salt or ester of phosphoric acid 2 a fertilizer containing phosphates

**phos·phor** (fäs'fər, -fôr') *n.* [see PHOSPHORUS] a phosphorescent or fluorescent substance

**phos·pho·res·cence** (fäs'fə res'əns) *n.* 1 the property of giving off a lingering emission of light after exposure to radiant energy such as light 2 a continuing luminescence without noticeable heat —**phos'pho-res'cent** *adj.*

**phos·phor·ic acid** (fäs fôr'ik) any of several oxygen acids of phosphorus

**phos·pho·rus** (fäs'fə rəs) *n.* [*<* Gr *phōs*, a light + *pherein*, to bear] a nonmetallic chemical element, a waxy solid that ignites spontaneously at room temperature

**pho·to** (fōt'ō) *n.*, *pl.* -tos *short for* PHOTOGRAPH

**photo-** *combining form* 1 [*<* Gr *phōs*, a light] of or produced by light 2 [*<* PHOTOGRAPH] photograph, photography

**pho·to·cop·y** (fōt'ō kăp'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ies a photographic reproduction, as of a book page, made by a special device (**pho'to-cop'i-er**)

**pho'to·e·lec'tric cell** any device in which light controls an electric circuit that operates a mechanical device, as for opening doors

**pho'to·en·grav'ing** *n.* 1 a process by which photographs are reproduced on relief printing plates 2 such a plate, or a print made from it —**pho'to·en-grave'**, -graved', -grav'ing, -*vt.* —**pho'to·en·grav'er** *n.*

**photo finish** a race finish so close that the winner can be determined only from a photograph of the finish

**pho'to·fin'ish·ing** *n.* the process of developing photographic film, making prints, etc.

**pho'to·flash'** *adj.* designating a flashbulb, etc. electrically synchronized with the camera shutter

**pho·to·gen·ic** (fōt'ə jen'ik) *adj.* [PHOTO- + -genic, suitable for] likely to look attractive in photographs

**pho·to·graph** (fōt'ə graf') *n.* a picture made by photography —*vt.* to take a photograph of —*vi.* to appear (as specified) in photographs —**pho·tog·ra·pher** (fə tăg'rə fər) *n.*

**pho·tog·ra·phy** (fə tăg'rə fē) *n.* [PHOTO- + -GRAPHY] the art or process of producing pictorial images on a surface sensitive to light or other radiant energy, as on film in a camera —**pho·to-graph·ic** (fōt'ə graf'ik) *adj.*

**pho·ton** (fō'tăn') *n.* [PHOT(O)- + (ELECTR)ON] a subatomic particle that is a quantum of electromagnetic energy, including light

**pho'to-off'set'** *n.* offset printing in which the text or pictures are photographically transferred to a metal plate from which inked impressions are made on the roller

**pho·to·stat** (fōt'ə stat') *n.* [*<* former trademark] 1 a device for making photocopies on special paper 2 a copy so made —*vt.* -stat'ed or -stat'ted, -stat'ing or -stat'ting to make a photostat of

**pho·to·syn·the·sis** (fōt'ō sin'thə sis) *n.* the production of organic substances, esp. sugars, from carbon dioxide and water by the action of light on the chlorophyll in green plant cells

**pho'to·syn'the·size'** (-siz') *vi.*, *vt.* -sized', -siz'ing to carry on, or produce by, photosynthesis

**phrase** (frāz) *n.* [*<* Gr *phrazein*, speak] 1 a short, colorful expression 2 a group of words, not a full sentence or clause, conveying a single thought 3 a short, distinct musical passage —*vt.*, *vi.* phrased, phras'ing to express in words —**phras·al** (frā'zəl) *adj.*

**phra·se·ol·o·gy** (frā'zē əl'ə jē) *n.*, *pl.* -gies choice and pattern of words

**phre·net·ic** (fri net'ik) *adj.* [*<* Gr *phrenētikos*, mad] *archaic sp. of* FRENETIC

**phre·nol·o·gy** (fri năl'ə jē, frə-) *n.* [*<* Gr *phrēn*, mind + -LOGY] a system, popular esp. in the 19th c., based on the assumption that character can be analyzed based on the shape of the skull

**phy·lac·ter·y** (fi lak'tər ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ies [*<* Gr *phylaktērion*, safeguard] TEFILLIN

**phyl·lo** (fē'lō, fī'-) *n.* [*<* Gr *phyllon*, leaf] dough in very thin sheets that becomes very flaky when baked

**phy·log·e·ny** (fī lāj'ə nē) *n.*, *pl.* -nies [*<* Gr *phylon*, tribe + -geneia, origin] the origin and evolution of a group or race of animals or plants

**phy·lum** (fī'ləm) *n.*, *pl.* -la (-lə) [*<* Gr *phylon*, tribe] a major category in the classification of organisms, esp. animals

**phys** *abbrev.* 1 physical 2 physician 3 physics

**phys·ic** (fiz'ik) *n.* [*<* Gr *physis*, nature] a medicine, esp. a laxative

**phys·i·cal** (fiz'i kəl) *adj.* 1 of nature and all matter; material 2 of or according to the laws of nature 3 of, or produced by the forces of, physics 4 of the body as opposed to the mind —*n.* a general medical examination —**phys'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**physical anthropology** a major division of anthropology that deals with the physical characteristics and evolution of humans

**physical education** instruction in physical exercise and in the care of the body, including sports, calisthenics, and hygiene

**physical science** any science dealing with nonliving matter or energy, as physics, chemistry, geology, or astronomy

**physical therapy** the treatment of dis-



ease, injury, etc. by physical means, as by exercise or massage

**phy-si-cian** (fi zish'an) *n.* [see PHYSIC] a doctor of medicine

**phys-ics** (fiz'iks) *n.* [see PHYSIC] the science dealing with the properties, changes, interactions, etc. of matter and energy — **phys'i-cist** (-ə sist) *n.*

**phys-i-og-no-my** (fiz'ē äg'nə mē) *n.* [ < Gr *physis*, nature + *gnōmōn*, one who knows] facial features and expression

**phys'i-ol'o-gy** (-äl'ə jē) *n.* [ < Gr *physis*, nature + -LOGY] the science dealing with the functions and vital processes of living organisms — **phys'i-o-log'i-cal** (-ə läj'i kəl) *adj.* — **phys'i-ol'o-gist** *n.*

**phys-i-o-ther-a-py** (fiz'ē ō'ther'ə pē) *n.* PHYSICAL THERAPY — **phys'i-o-ther'a-pist** *n.*

**phy-sique** (fi zēk') *n.* [Fr] the structure or form of the body; build

**pi** (pī) *n.* 1 the 16th letter of the Greek alphabet (Π, π) 2 the symbol (π) designating the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, about 3.1416

**pi-a-nis-si-mo** (pē'ə nis'i mō') *adj., adv.* [It] *Music* very soft(ly)

**pi-an-ist** (pē'ə nist, pē an'ist) *n.* one who plays the piano

**pi-a-no**<sup>1</sup> (pē ä'nō) *adj., adv.* [It] *Music* soft(ly)

**pi-an-o**<sup>2</sup> (pē an'ō) *n., pl. -os* [ < fol.] a large, stringed keyboard instrument: each key operates a felt-covered hammer that strikes a corresponding wire or wires

**pi-an-o-for-te** (pē an'ō fōrt', pē an'ō fōr'tā) *n.* [It < *piano*, soft + *forte*, loud] PIANO<sup>2</sup>

**pi-as-ter** (pē as'tər) *n.* [ult. < L *emplastrum*, plaster] a 100th part of a pound in Egypt, Lebanon, and Syria

**pi-az-za** (pē ät'sæ; for 2 pē az'ə) *n.* 1 in Italy, a public square 2 [Dial.] a large, covered porch

**pi-broch** (pē'bräk') *n.* [ < Gael *piob*, bagpipe] music for the bagpipe, usually of a martial kind

**pi-ca** (pī'kə) *n.* [ < ? ML, a directory] a size of printing type, 12 point

**pi-can-te** (pē kăn'tā) *adj.* [Sp] designating, prepared with, or served with a hot, spicy sauce

**pic-a-resque** (pik'ə resk') *adj.* [ < Sp *pícaro*, rascal] dealing with sharp-witted vagabonds or rogues and their adventures [a picaresque novel]

**Pi-cas-so** (pi kă'sō), **Pa-blo** (pă'blō) 1881-1973; Sp. painter & sculptor in France

**pic-a-yune** (pik'ə yōon', pik'ə yōon') *adj.* [ < Fr *picaillon*, small coin] trivial or petty

**pic-ca-lil-li** (pik'ə lil'ē) *n.* [prob. < PICKLE] a relish of chopped vegetables, mustard, vinegar, and hot spices

**pic-co-lo** (pik'ə lō') *n., pl. -los'* [ < It, small] a small flute, pitched an octave above the ordinary flute

**pick**<sup>1</sup> (pik) *n.* [OE *pic*, PIKE<sup>2</sup>] 1 any of several pointed tools or instruments for picking, esp. a heavy one used in breaking up soil, rock, etc. 2 PLECTRUM

**pick**<sup>2</sup> (pik) *vt.* [ME *picken*] 1 to probe, scratch at, etc. so as to remove or clear something from 2 to gather (flowers, berries, etc.) 3 to prepare (a fowl) by removing the feathers 4 to choose; select 5 to provoke (a quarrel or fight) 6 to pluck (the strings) of (a guitar, etc.) 7 to open (a lock) with a wire, etc. instead of a key 8 to steal from (another's pocket, etc.) — *vi.* 1 to use a pick 2 to select, esp. in a fussy way — *n.* 1 the act of choosing or the choice made 2 the best — **pick at** to eat small amounts of, esp. fussily — **pick off** 1 to remove by picking 2 to hit with a carefully aimed shot — **pick on** [Inf.] to single out for criticism or abuse; annoy; tease — **pick out** to choose — **pick up** 1 to grasp and lift 2 to get, find, or learn, esp. by chance 3 to stop for and take along 4 to gain (speed) 5 to improve 6 [Inf.] to become acquainted with casually, esp. for sexual activity — **pick'er** *n.*

**pick-ax** or **pick-axe** (pik'aks') *n.* [ < OFr *picquois*] a pick with a point at one end of the head and a chisel-like edge at the other

**pick-er-el** (pik'ər əl) *n., pl. -el or -els* [ME < *pik*, PIKE<sup>3</sup>] any of various small North American freshwater fishes

**pick-et** (pik'it) *n.* [ < Fr *pic*, PIKE<sup>2</sup>] 1 a pointed stake used in a fence, as a hitching post, etc. 2 a soldier or soldiers stationed to guard against surprise attack 3 a person, as a member of a striking labor union, stationed outside a factory, store, etc. to demonstrate opposition, keep workers out, etc. — *vt.* 1 to hitch (an animal) to a picket 2 to post as a military picket 3 to place pickets, or serve as a picket, at (a factory, etc.)

**picket line** a line or cordon of people serving as pickets

**pick'ings** *pl.n.* [occas. sing.] something picked; specif., a) scraps; remains b) something gotten by effort, often dishonestly

**pick-le** (pik'al) *n.* [ < MDu *pekel*] 1 any brine, vinegar, etc. used to preserve or marinate food 2 a vegetable, specif. a cucumber, preserved in this 3 [Inf.] an awkward situation — *vt.* -led, -ling to treat or preserve in a pickle solution

**pick'pock-et** *n.* a thief who steals from pockets, as in a crowd

**pick'up** *n.* 1 a picking up 2 the process or power of increasing in speed 3 a small, open delivery truck 4 [Inf.] a casual acquaintance, esp. one formed for sexual purposes 5 [Inf.] improvement 6 a) a device for producing electric currents from the vibrations of a phonograph needle b) the pivoted arm holding this device — *adj.* [Inf.] assembled informally for a single occasion

**pick'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [Inf.] overly fastidious; fussy

**pic-nic** (pik'nik) *n.* [ < Fr] a pleasure outing at which a meal is eaten outdoors — *vi.* -nicked, -nick-ing to have a picnic — **pic'nick-er** *n.*

**pi-cot** (pē'kō) *n., pl. -cots* [ < Fr *pic*, a point] any of the small loops forming a fancy edge, as on lace

**pic-to-graph** (pik'tə graf') *n.* 1 a pic-



ture or picturelike symbol used in a system of writing 2 a graph using pictures to convey data

**pic·to·ri·al** (pik tōr'ē əl) *adj.* 1 of, containing, or expressed in pictures 2 suggesting a mental image; vivid —**pic·to·ri·al·ly** *adv.*

**pic·ture** (pik'chər) *n.* [*< L pingere, to paint*] 1 a likeness of a person, scene, etc. produced by drawing, painting, photography, etc. 2 a perfect likeness or image [the picture of health] 3 anything suggestive of a beautiful painting, drawing, etc. 4 a vivid description 5 **FILM** (*n.* 4) 6 the image on a TV screen —**vt. -tured, -tur·ing** 1 to make a picture of 2 to show visibly 3 to describe 4 to imagine —**in** (or **out of**) the picture considered (or not considered) as being involved in a situation

**pic·ture-per·fect** *adj.* perfect or flawless

**pic·tur·esque** (-chər esk') *adj.* like or suggesting a picture; beautiful, vivid, quaint, etc.

**picture tube** a cathode-ray tube in a TV receiver, monitor, etc., that produces visual images on its screen

**picture window** a large window that seems to frame the outside view

**pid·dle** (pid'l) *vi., vt. -dled, -dling* [*< ?*] to dawdle; trifle

**pid·dling** (pid'lin) *adj.* insignificant; trifling

**pid·dly** (pid'lē) *adj.* **PIDDLING**

**pidg·in** (pij'in) *n.* [supposed Chin pronunciation of *business*] a mixed language for trade purposes, using words from one language and simplified grammar from another: pidgin English uses English words and Chinese or Melanesian syntax

**pie** (pī) *n.* [*ME*] a baked dish as of fruit or of meat, with an under crust or upper crust, or both —(as) **easy as pie** [*Inf.*] extremely easy

**pie·bald** (pī'bōld') *adj.* [*< pie, magpie + BALD*] covered with patches of two colors —*n.* a piebald horse, etc.

**piece** (pēs) *n.* [*OFr pece*] 1 a part broken or separated from the whole 2 a section of a whole regarded as complete in itself 3 any single thing, specimen, example, etc. [a piece of music] 4 a quantity, as of cloth, manufactured as a unit —**vt. pieced, piec'ing** 1 to add pieces to, as in repairing 2 to join (together) the pieces of —**go to pieces** 1 to fall apart 2 to lose self-control

**pièce de ré·sis·tance** (pyes də rā zēs tans') [*Fr, piece of resistance*] 1 the principal dish of a meal 2 the main item in a series

**piece goods** **YARD GOODS**

**piece'meal'** *adv.* [*< ME pece, a piece + -mele, part*] piece by piece —*adj.* made or done piecemeal

**piece'work'** *n.* work paid for at a fixed rate (piece rate) per piece of work done

**pie chart** a graph in the form of a circle divided into sectors in which relative quantities are indicated by the sizes of the sectors

**pied** (pid) *adj.* [*< pie, magpie*] spotted with various colors

**pied-à-terre** (pyā tā ter') *n., pl. pied-à-terre* [*Fr, foot on the ground*] a residence, esp. one used only part of the time or temporarily

**pie'-eyed'** *adj.* [*Slang*] intoxicated

**pier** (pir) *n.* [*< ML pera*] 1 a structure supporting the spans of a bridge 2 a structure built out over the water and supported by pillars: used as a landing place, pavilion, etc. 3 *Archit.* a heavy column used to support weight

**pierce** (pirs) *vt. pierced, pierc'ing* [*< OFr percer*] 1 to pass into or through as a pointed instrument does; stab 2 to make a hole in 3 to force a way into; break through 4 to sound sharply through 5 to penetrate with the sight or mind —*vi.* to penetrate

**Pierce** (pirs), Franklin 1804-69; 14th president of the U.S. (1853-57)

**Pierre** (pir) capital of South Dakota: pop. 13,000

**pi·e·ty** (pī'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*< L pius, pious*] 1 devotion to religious duties, etc. 2 devotion to parents, family, etc. 3 a pious act

**pif·fle** (pif'əl) *n.* [*Inf.*] anything that is regarded as insignificant or nonsensical —**pif·fling** (pif'lin) *adj.*

**pig** (pig) *n.* [*ME pigge*] 1 any swine, esp. the unweaned young of the thick-bodied domesticated species; hog 2 a greedy or filthy person

**pi·geon** (pij'an) *n.* [*< L pipire, to chirp*] any of various related birds with a small head, a plump body, and short legs

**pi'geon·hole'** *n.* a small, open compartment, as in a desk, for filing papers —**vt. -holed', -hol'ing** 1 to put in the pigeonhole of a desk, etc. 2 to put aside indefinitely 3 to classify

**pi'geon-toed'** (-tōd') *adj.* having the toes or feet turned in

**pig·gish** (pig'ish) *adj.* like a pig; gluttonous or filthy —**pig'gish·ness** *n.*

**pig·gy** (pig'ē) *n., pl. -gies* a little pig: also sp. **pig'gie** —*adj. -gi·er, -gi·est* **PIG-GISH**

**pig'gy·back'** *adv., adj.* 1 on the shoulders or back 2 by or of a transportation system in which truck trailers are carried on flatcars 3 carried by or connected with something else as an adjunct —**vt.** 1 to carry piggyback 2 to place on something in piggyback fashion

**pig'head'ed** *adj.* stubborn

**pig iron** crude iron, as it comes from the blast furnace

**pig·ment** (pig'mənt) *n.* [*< L pingere, to paint*] 1 coloring matter used to make paints 2 any coloring matter in the tissues of plants or animals

**pig·men·ta·tion** (pig'mən tā'shən) *n.* coloration in plants or animals due to pigment in the tissue

**Pig·my** (pig'mē) *n., pl. -mies, adj.* **PYGMY**

**pig'pen'** *n.* a pen where pigs are kept: also **pig'sty'** (-stī'), *pl. -sties'*

**pig'skin'** *n.* 1 leather made from the skin of a pig 2 [*Inf.*] a football



**pig'tail'** (-tāl') *n.* a long braid of hair hanging at the back of the head

**pike**<sup>1</sup> (pīk) *n.* a highway: now chiefly in [Inf.] **come down the pike**, to happen or appear

**pike**<sup>2</sup> (pīk) *n.* [Fr *pique*] a weapon, formerly for foot soldiers, consisting of a metal spearhead on a long wooden shaft (**pike'staff'**)

**pike**<sup>3</sup> (pīk) *n., pl.* **pike** or **piques** [ME *pik*] a slender, freshwater bony fish with a narrow, pointed head

**pik·er** (pīk'ər) *n.* [< ? *Pike* County, Missouri] [Slang] a person who does things in a petty or stingy way

**pi·laf** or **pi·laff** (pē'lāf') *n.* [Pers *pilāv*] a dish made of rice boiled in a seasoned liquid

**pi·las·ter** (pi las'tər) *n.* [< L *pila*, a pile] a supporting column projecting partially from a wall

**Pi·late** (pī'lət), **Pon·tius** (pun'chəs) 1st c. A.D.; Rom. procurator of Judea (26?-36?) who condemned Jesus to be crucified

**pil·chard** (pil'chərd) *n.* [< ?] 1 a small, oily marine fish, the commercial sardine of W Europe 2 any of several related fishes

**pile**<sup>1</sup> (pīl) *n.* [< L *pila*, pillar] 1 a mass of things heaped together 2 a heap of wood, etc. on which a corpse or sacrifice is burned 3 a large building 4 [Inf.] a large amount —**vt.** **piled**, **pil'ing** 1 to heap up 2 to load 3 to accumulate Often with *up* —**vi.** 1 to form a pile 2 to move in a mass: with *in*, *into*, *out*, *on*, *off*, etc.

**pile**<sup>2</sup> (pīl) *n.* [< L *pilus*, hair] a soft, velvety, raised surface of yarn loops, often sheared, as on a rug

**pile**<sup>3</sup> (pīl) *n.* [OE *pil*] a long, heavy beam driven into the ground to support a bridge, dock, etc.

**pile driver** (or **engine**) a machine for driving piles by raising and dropping a heavy weight on them

**piles** (pīlz) *pl.n.* [< L *pila*, a ball] hemorrhoids

**pile'up'** *n.* 1 an accumulation of tasks, etc. 2 [Inf.] a collision involving several vehicles

**pil·fer** (pil'fər) **vt., vi.** [< MFr *pelfre*, booty] to steal (esp. small sums, etc.) — **pil'fer·age** (-ij) *n.* — **pil'fer·er** *n.*

**pil·grim** (pil'grəm) *n.* [< L *peregrinus*, foreigner] 1 a wanderer 2 one who travels to a shrine or holy place as a religious act 3 [P-] any of the band of English Puritans who founded Plymouth Colony in 1620

**pil'grim·age** *n.* 1 a journey made by a pilgrim; esp. to a shrine or holy place 2 any long journey

**pill** (pil) *n.* [< L *pila*, a ball] a small ball, tablet, etc. of medicine to be swallowed whole —**the pill** (or **Pill**) [Inf.] any contraceptive drug for women, in the form of a pill

**pil·lage** (pil'ij) *n.* [< MFr *piller*, to rob] 1 a plundering 2 goods stolen or taken by force —**vt., vi.** **-laged**, **-lag·ing** to plunder

**pil·lar** (pil'ər) *n.* [< L *pila*, column] 1 a slender, vertical structure used as a support or monument; column 2 a main support of something

**pill'box'** *n.* 1 a small box for holding pills 2 an enclosed gun emplacement of concrete and steel

**pil·lion** (pil'yən) *n.* [< L *pellis*, a skin] an extra seat behind the saddle on a horse or motorcycle

**pil·lo·ry** (pil'ə rē) *n., pl.* **-ries** [< OFr *pilori*] a device consisting of a board with holes for the head and hands, in which petty offenders were formerly locked and exposed to public scorn —**vt.** **-ried**, **-ry·ing** 1 to punish by placing in a pillory 2 to subject to public scorn or ridicule

**pil·low** (pil'ō) *n.* [OE *pyle*] a cloth case filled with down, foam rubber, etc., used as a support, as for the head in sleeping —**vt.** to rest as on a pillow

**pil'low·case'** *n.* a removable covering for a pillow: also **pil'low·slip'**

**pi·lot** (pī'lət) *n.* [< Gr *pēdon*, oar] 1 *a*) [Archaic] HELMSMAN *b*) a person licensed to direct ships into or out of a harbor or through difficult waters 2 a qualified operator of aircraft or spacecraft 3 a guide; leader 4 *a*) pilot light *b*) pilot film (or tape) —**vt.** 1 to act as a pilot of, on, etc. 2 to guide —**adj.** serving as a trial unit in testing

**pilot film** (or **tape**) a film (or videotape) of a single segment of a projected series of TV shows

**pi'lot·house'** *n.* an enclosure for the helmsman on the upper deck of a ship

**pilot light** a small gas burner that is kept burning for use in lighting a main burner

**Pil·sen·er** or **Pil·sner** (pilz'nər) *n.* [often **p-**] a light lager beer

**pi·men·to** (pi men'tō) *n., pl.* **-tos** [< Sp < L *pigmentum*, pigment] a variety of sweet red pepper: also **pi·mien'to** (-myen'-, -men'-)

**pimp** (pimp) *n.* [< ?] a prostitute's agent —**vi.** to act as a pimp

**pim·ple** (pim'pəl) *n.* [< OE *piplian*, to break out in pimples] a small, usually inflamed swelling of the skin —**pim'ply**, **-pli·er**, **-pli·est**, **adj.**

**pin** (pin) *n.* [OE *pin*] 1 a peg, as of wood, or a pointed piece of stiff wire, for fastening things together, etc. 2 anything like a pin 3 an ornament or badge with a pin or clasp for fastening to clothing 4 *Bowling* one of the bottle-shaped wooden objects at which the ball is rolled —**vt.** **pinned**, **pin'ning** 1 to fasten as with a pin 2 to hold firmly in one position —**pin down** 1 to get (someone) to make a commitment, etc. 2 to determine (a fact, etc.) —**pin some·thing on someone** [Inf.] to lay the blame for something on someone

**PIN** (pin) *n.* [p(ersonal) i(dentification) n(umber)] an identification number, as for use at an ATM

**pin·a·fore** (pin'ə fôr') *n.* [PIN + archaic *afore*, before] a sleeveless garment worn over a dress

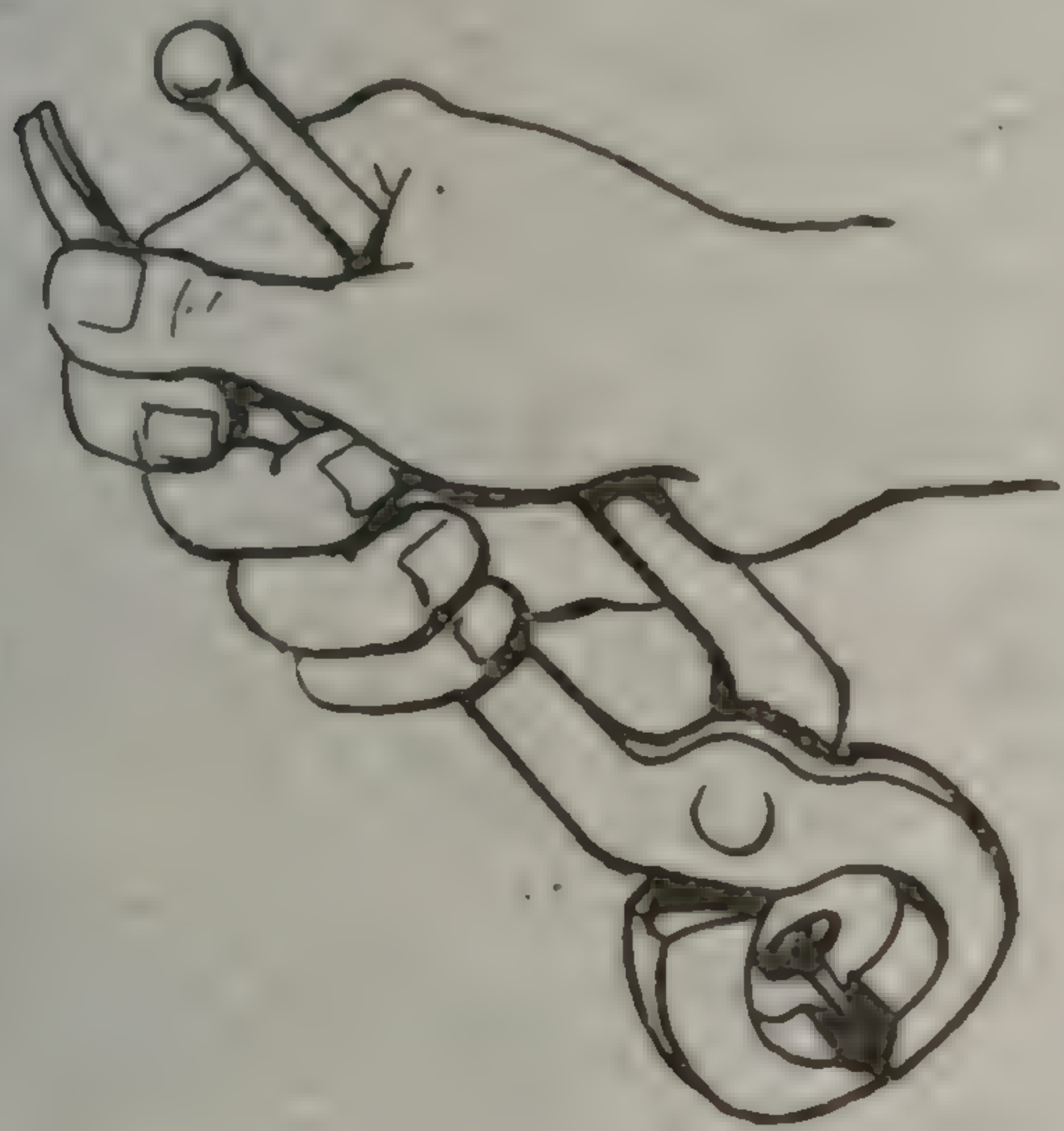
**pi·ña·ta** (pē nyä'tä) *n.* [Sp, ult. < L *pinus*, pine tree] in Mexico, a papier-



mâché container hung from the ceiling in a game in which blindfolded children take turns trying to break it open and release the toys, candy, etc. inside

**pin'ball' machine** a game machine consisting of an inclined board and a rolling ball that hits objects, etc. on it to score points

**pince-nez** (pans'nā') *n.* [Fr, nose-pincher] *pl.* **pince-nez'** (-nāz'; -nā') eyeglasses kept in place by a spring gripping the bridge of the nose



PINCERS

**pin-cers** (pin'sərz) *pl.n.* [Fr *pincier*, to pinch] 1 a tool formed of two pivoted parts, used in gripping things 2 a grasping claw, as of a crab

**pinch** (pinch) *vt.* [ME *pinchen* < OFr *pincier*] 1 to squeeze between a finger and the thumb or between two edges, surfaces, etc. 2 to press painfully upon (some part of the body) 3 to make cramped, thin, etc., as by hunger or cold 4 [Slang] *a*) to steal. *b*) to arrest —*vi.* 1 to squeeze painfully 2 to be stingy or frugal —*n.* 1 a squeeze or nip 2 *a*) an amount grasped between finger and thumb *b*) a small amount 3 distress or difficulty 4 an emergency: usually in in a pinch —*adj.* *Baseball* substitute

**pinch'-hit'** *vi.* -hit', -hit'ting 1 *Baseball* to bat in place of the batter whose turn it is 2 to substitute in an emergency (*for*) —**pinch hitter**

**pin curl** a strand of hair kept curled with a bobby pin while it sets

**pin'cush'ion** *n.* a small cushion to stick pins in to keep them handy

**pine**<sup>1</sup> (pīn) *n.* [Fr *pinus*] 1 an evergreen tree with cones and needle-shaped leaves 2 its wood

**pine**<sup>2</sup> (pīn) *vi.* **ined**, **pin'ing** [Fr *poena*, a pain] 1 to waste (*away*) through grief, etc. 2 to yearn

**pin-e-al body** (pin'ē əl) [Fr *pineal*, pine cone] a small, cone-shaped body in the brain that produces a hormone

**pine-ap-ple** (pīn'ap'əl) *n.* [ME *pinappel*, pine cone] 1 a juicy, edible tropical fruit somewhat resembling a pine cone 2 the plant it grows on

**pine tar** a thick, dark liquid obtained from pine wood, used in disinfectants, paints, etc.

**pin'feath'er** *n.* an undeveloped, emerging feather

**ping** (pin) *n.* [echoic] the sound made as by a bullet striking something sharply —*vi.*, *vt.* to make or cause to make this sound

**Ping-Pong** (pin'pōng') [echoic] *trade-mark* for table-tennis equipment —*n.* [often **ping-pong**] TABLE TENNIS

**pin'head'** *n.* 1 the head of a pin 2 a person regarded as stupid or silly

**pin'hole'** *n.* 1 a tiny hole as from a pin 2 a hole to stick a pin into

**pin-ion** (pin'yən) *n.* [Fr *pinna*, feather] 1 a small cogwheel that meshes with a larger gear or with a RACK<sup>1</sup> (*n.* 2) 2 a wing; specif., the outer part of a bird's wing —*vt.* 1 to bind the wings or arms of 2 to shackle

**pink**<sup>1</sup> (pink) *n.* [Fr ?] 1 any of certain plants with white, pink, or red flowers 2 the flower 3 pale red 4 the highest degree, finest example, etc. —*adj.* 1 pale-red 2 [Inf.] somewhat leftist: a derogatory term —**in the pink** [Inf.] healthy; fit

**pink**<sup>2</sup> (pink) *vt.* [ME *pynken*] 1 to cut a saw-toothed edge on (cloth, etc.) 2 to prick or stab

**pink'eye'** *n.* a contagious eye infection in which the eyeball and the lining of the eyelid are red and inflamed

**pink-ie** or **pink-y** (pin'kē) *n.*, *pl.* -ies the smallest finger

**pink-ing shears** (pin'kiŋ) shears with notched blades, for pinking edges of cloth

**pink slip** [Inf.] notice to an employee that he or she is fired

**pin money** a small sum of money, as for incidental minor expenses

**pin-na-cle** (pin'ə kəl) *n.* [Fr *pinna*, feather] 1 a small turret or spire 2 a slender, pointed formation, as a mountain peak 3 the highest point

**pin-nate** (pin'āt', -it) *adj.* [Fr *pinna*, feather] *Bot.* with leaflets on each side of a common stem

**pi-noch-le** or **pi-noc-le** (pē'nuk'əl) *n.* [Fr *binocle*, pince-nez] a card game played with a 48-card deck (two of every card above the eight)

**pi-not noir** (pē'nō nwär', pē nō'-) [*also* P- N-] 1 the main red-wine grape of the Burgundy region 2 a dry red wine made from this grape

**pin'point'** *vt.* to locate precisely —*adj.* precise

**pin'prick'** *n.* 1 a tiny puncture as by a pin 2 a minor annoyance

**pins and needles** a tingling feeling as in a numb limb —**on pins and needles** in anxious suspense

**pin'set'ter** *n.* a person or automatic device that sets up bowling pins on the alley: also **pin'spot'ter**

**pin'stripe'** *n.* a pattern of very narrow stripes in suit fabrics, etc.

**pint** (pīnt) *n.* [Fr ML] a unit of measure equal to ½ quart

**pin-to** (pin'tō) *adj.* [Fr obs. Sp, spotted] having patches of white and some other color —*n.*, *pl.* -tos a pinto horse

**pinto bean** a kind of mottled kidney



bean grown in the SW U.S.

**pin'up** *adj.* 1 that is or can be fastened to a wall 2 [Inf.] designating a sexually attractive person whose picture is often pinned up on walls

**pin'wheel** *n.* 1 a small wheel with vanes of paper, etc., pinned to a stick so as to revolve in the wind 2 a revolving fireworks device

**Pin-yin** (pin yin') *n.* [[Chin *pinyin*, lit., phonetic sound] [also *p-*] system for transliterating Chinese ideograms into the Latin alphabet

**pi-o-neer** (pī'ə nir') *n.* [[< OFr *peonier*, foot soldier] one who goes before, preparing the way for others, as an early settler —*vi.* to be a pioneer —*vt.* to be a pioneer in or of

**pi-ous** (pī'əs) *adj.* [[< L *pius*] 1 having or showing religious devotion 2 only seemingly virtuous 3 sacred —**pi'ous-ly** *adv.*

**pip**<sup>1</sup> (pip) *n.* [[< PIPPIN] a small seed, as of an apple

**pip**<sup>2</sup> (pip) *n.* [[< ?] any of the figures or spots on playing cards, dice, or dominoes

**pip**<sup>3</sup> (pip) *n.* [[< L *pituita*, phlegm] a contagious disease of fowl

**pipe** (pīp) *n.* [[< L *pipare*, chirp] 1 a tube of wood, metal, etc. for making musical sounds 2 [*pl.*] the bagpipe 3 a long tube for conveying water, gas, etc. 4 a tube with a small bowl at one end in which tobacco is smoked 5 any tubular part, organ of the body, etc. —*vi.* **pip***ed*, **pip'ing** 1 to play on a pipe 2 to utter shrill sounds —*vt.* 1 to play (a tune) on a pipe 2 to utter in a shrill voice 3 to bring, call, etc. by piping 4 to convey (water, gas, etc.) by pipes —**pipe down** [Slang] to stop shouting, talking, etc. — **pip'er** *n.*

**pipe dream** [Inf.] a fantastic idea, vain hope or plan, etc.

**pipe fitter** a mechanic who installs and maintains plumbing pipes, etc.

**pipe'line** *n.* 1 a line of pipes for conveying water, gas, oil, etc. 2 any means whereby something is passed on

**pipe organ** ORGAN (sense 1)

**pi-pette** or **pi-pet** (pi pet', pī-) *n.* a slender tube for taking up and measuring small amounts of a liquid

**pip-ing** (pīp'in) *n.* 1 music made by pipes 2 a shrill sound 3 a pipelike fold of material for trimming seams, etc. — **piping hot** very hot

**pip-it** (pip'it) *n.* [[echoic] a small bird with a slender bill, streaked breast, and the habit of walking rather than hopping

**pip-pin** (pip'in) *n.* [[< OFr *pepin*, seed] any of several varieties of apple

**pip-squeak** (pip'skwēk') *n.* [Inf.] anyone or anything regarded as small or insignificant

**pi-quant** (pē'kənt) *adj.* [[Fr < *piquer*, to prick] 1 agreeably pungent to the taste 2 exciting interest; stimulating — **pi'quan-cy** (-kən sē) *n.*

**pique** (pēk) *n.* [[see prec.] resentment at

being slighted —*vt.* **piqued**, **piqu'ing** 1 to arouse such resentment in 2 to stir up; excite

**pi-qué** or **pi-que** (pē'kā') *n.* [[see PIQUANT] a cotton fabric with ribbed or corded wales

**pi-ra-cy** (pī'rə sē) *n., pl. -cies* 1 robbery of ships on the high seas 2 the unauthorized use of copyrighted or patented work

**pi-ra-nha** (pi rā'nə) *n.* [[< Brazilian Port < AmInd (Brazil) *pirá*, fish + *sainha*, tooth] any of various small, freshwater South American fishes: they hunt in schools, attacking any animals

**pi-rate** (pī'rət) *n.* [[< Gr *peirān*, to attack] one who practices piracy —*vt., vi. -rat-ed, -rat-ing* 1 to take (something) by piracy 2 to publish, reproduce, etc. (a book, recording, etc.) in violation of a copyright —**pi-rat'i-cal** (-rat' i kəl) *adj.*

**pi-ro-gi** (pi rō'gē) *n., pl. -gi or -gies* [[Russ] a small pastry turnover filled with meat, cheese, etc.

**pir-ou-ette** (pir'ōō et') *n.* [[Fr, spinning top] a whirling on one foot or the point of the toe —*vi. -et'ted, -et'ting* to do a pirouette

**pis-ca-to-ri-al** (pis'kə tōr'ē əl) *adj.* [[< L *piscator*, fisherman] of fishes or fishing

**Pis-ces** (pī'sēz') *n.* [[L, *pl.* of *piscis*, fish] the 12th sign of the zodiac

**pis-mire** (pis'mīr', piz'-) *n.* [[< ME *pisse*, urine + *mīre*, ant] [Archaic] an ant

**piss-ant** (pis'ant') *adj., n.* [Slang] insignificant and contemptible (person)

**pis-tach-i-o** (pi stash'ē ō) *n., pl. -os* [[< OPers *pistah*] 1 a small tree of the cashew family 2 its edible, greenish seed (**pistachio nut**)

**pis-til** (pis'təl) *n.* [[< L *pistillum*, pestle] the seed-bearing organ of a flower — **pis'til-late** *adj.*

**pis-tol** (pis'təl) *n.* [[< Czech *pišť'al*] a small firearm operated with one hand

**pis'tol-whip** *vt. -whipped', -whip'ping* to beat with a pistol, esp. about the head

**pis-ton** (pis'tən) *n.* [[ult. < L *pinser*, to pound] the snug-fitting engine part that is forced back and forth within a cylinder by the pressure of combustion, steam, etc. and a reciprocating connecting rod (**piston rod**)

**piston ring** a split ring fitted into a groove around a piston to seal the cylinder, transfer heat, etc.

**pit**<sup>1</sup> (pit) *n.* [[< MDu *pitte*] the hard stone, as of the plum, peach, or cherry, containing the seed —*vt. pit'ted, pit'ting* to remove the pit from

**pit**<sup>2</sup> (pit) *n.* [[< L *puteus*, a well] 1 a hole in the ground 2 an abyss 3 hell: used with *the* 4 a pitfall 5 an enclosed area in which animals are kept or made to fight 6 a small hollow in a surface, as a scar left by smallpox 7 the section for the orchestra in front of the stage 8 a work area for mechanics beside an auto-racing track —*vt. pit'ted, pit'ting* 1 to make pits or scars in 2 to set in competition (*against*)

**pi-ta** (pēt'ə) *n.* [[< Heb < Modern Greek] a round, flat bread of the Middle East:



also pita bread

**pit·a·pat** (pit'ə pat') *adv.* with rapid beating —*n.* a rapid series of beats or taps

**pit bull** a short, heavy dog with powerful jaws

**pitch**<sup>1</sup> (pich) *n.* [*< L pix*] a black, sticky substance formed from coal tar, etc. and used for roofing, etc.

**pitch**<sup>2</sup> (pich) *vt.* [*ME picchen*] 1 to set up [*pitch a tent*] 2 *a*) to throw or toss *b*) to throw away 3 to fix at a certain point, degree, key, etc. 4 *Baseball a*) to throw (the ball) to the batter *b*) to act as pitcher for (a game, etc.) —*vi.* 1 to pitch a ball, etc. 2 to plunge forward or dip downward 3 to rise and fall, as a ship in rough water —*n.* 1 a throw or toss 2 anything pitched 3 a point or degree 4 the degree of slope 5 [*Inf.*] a line of talk for persuading 6 *Music, etc.* the highness or lowness of a sound due to vibrations of sound waves —**pitch in** [*Inf.*] 1 to begin working hard 2 to make a contribution —**pitch into** [*Inf.*] to attack

**pitch'black'** *adj.* very black

**pitch'blende'** (-blend') *n.* [*< Ger pech, PITCH*<sup>1</sup> + *blenden*, to blind] a dark mineral, a major source of uranium

**pitch'dark'** *adj.* very dark

**pitched battle** 1 a battle in which troop placement is relatively fixed beforehand 2 a hard-fought battle

**pitch'er**<sup>1</sup> *n.* [*< OFr pichier*] a container, usually with a handle and lip, for holding and pouring liquids

**pitch'er**<sup>2</sup> *n.* [*PITCH*<sup>2</sup> + *-ER*] the baseball player who pitches the ball to the batters

**pitcher plant** a plant with pitcherlike leaves that trap and digest insects

**pitch'fork'** *n.* a large, long-handled fork for lifting and tossing hay, etc.

**pitch'man** (-mən) *n., pl. -men* (-mən) 1 a hawker of novelties, as at a carnival 2 [*Inf.*] any high-pressure salesman

**pitch pipe** a small pipe that produces a fixed tone used as a standard in tuning instruments, etc.

**pit·e·ous** (pit'ē əs) *adj.* arousing or deserving pity —**pit'e-ous-ly** *adv.*

**pit'fall'** *n.* [*< PIT*<sup>2</sup> + *OE fealle*, a trap] 1 a lightly covered pit for trapping animals 2 an unsuspected danger, etc.

**pith** (pith) *n.* [*OE pitha*] 1 the soft, spongy tissue in the center of certain plant stems 2 the essential part; gist

**pith'y** *adj. -i-er, -i-est* 1 of, like, or full of pith 2 terse and full of meaning —**pith'i-ly** *adv.*

**pit·i·ful** (pit'i fəl) *adj.* 1 arousing or deserving pity 2 contemptible Also **pit·i·a·ble** (pit'ē ə bəl) —**pit'i-ful-ly** *adv.*

**pit'i-less** (-lis) *adj.* without pity

**pi·ton** (pē'tän') *n.* [*Fr < MFr*, a spike] a metal spike with an eye for a rope, driven into rock or ice for support in mountain climbing

**pit stop** 1 a temporary stop in the *PIT*<sup>2</sup> (*n.* 8) by a racing car 2 [*Slang*] *a*) a pause for food, etc. during a journey *b*) a visit to a restroom

**pit·tance** (pit'ns) *n.* [*< OFr pitance*,

food allowed a monk] 1 a meager allowance of money 2 any small amount or share

**pit·ter·pat·ter** (pit'ər pat'ər) *n.* [*echoic*] a rapid succession of light tapping sounds

**Pitts·burgh** (pits'burg') city in SW Pennsylvania: pop. 370,000

**pi·tu·i·tar·y** (pi tōō'ə ter'ē) *adj.* [*< L pituita, phlegm*] of a small, oval endocrine gland (**pituitary gland**) attached to the brain: it secretes hormones affecting growth, etc.

**pit viper** any of several poisonous vipers with a heat-sensitive pit on each side of the head

**pit·y** (pit'ē) *n., pl. -ies* [*< L pietas, piety*] 1 sorrow for another's suffering or misfortune 2 a cause for sorrow or regret —*vt., vi. -ied, -y-ing* to feel pity (for)

**piv·ot** (piv'ət) *n.* [*Fr*] 1 a point, shaft, etc. on which something turns 2 a person or thing on which something depends, etc. 3 a pivoting movement —*vt.* to provide with a pivot —*vi.* to turn as on a pivot —**piv'ot-al** *adj.*

**pix·el** (pik'səl) *n.* [*< pic(ture)s + el(ement)*] any of the dots that make up an image on a video screen

**pix·ie** or **pix·y** (pik'sē) *n., pl. -ies* [*< Brit dial.*] a fairy, elf, etc.

**pi·zazz** or **piz·zazz** (pi zaz') *n.* [*Inf.*] 1 vigor 2 style, flair, etc.

**piz·za** (pēt'sə) *n.* [*It*] an Italian dish made by baking thin dough covered with tomatoes, cheese, etc.

**piz·ze·ri·a** (pēt'sə rē'ə) *n.* [*It*] a place where pizzas are made and sold

**piz·zi·ca·to** (pit'si kät'ō) *adj.* [*It*] *Music* plucked: a note to pluck the strings with the finger instead of bowing: also written **piz'zi-ca'to**

**pj's** (pē'jāz') *pl.n. inf. var. of PAJAMAS*

**pk** *abbrev.* 1 pack 2 park 3 peck

**pkg** *abbrev.* package(s)

**Pkwy** or **Pky** *abbrev.* Parkway

**pl** *abbrev.* 1 place: also **Pl** 2 plural

**plac·ard** (plak'ärd; -ärd) *n.* [*< MDu placke, a piece*] a notice for display in a public place —*vt.* to place placards on or in

**pla·cate** (plä'kāt') *vt. -cat'ed, -cat'ing* [*< L placare*] to appease; pacify —**pla-ca'tion** *n.*

**place** (pläs) *n.* [*< Gr plateia, a street*] 1 a court or short street in a city 2 space; room 3 a region 4 *a*) the part of space occupied by a person or thing *b*) situation 5 a city, town, etc. 6 a residence 7 a building or space devoted to a special purpose [*a place of amusement*] 8 a particular point, part, position, etc. [*a sore place on the leg, a place in history*] 9 a step or point in a sequence 10 the proper position, time, etc. 11 a space, seat, etc. reserved or occupied by a person 12 a job or position 13 the duties of any position 14 the second position at the finish of a race —*vt.* **placed, plac'ing** 1 *a*) to put in a particular place, condition, or relation *b*) to recognize or identify 2 to find employment



for 3 to repose (trust) *in* a person or thing 4 to finish in (a specified position) in a race —*vi.* to finish second or among the first three in a race —*take place* to occur

**pla·ce·bo** (plə sē'bō) *n.*, *pl.* -bos or -boes [*< L, I shall please*] a harmless, unmedicated preparation given as a medicine, as to humor a patient

**place mat** a small mat serving as an individual table cover for a person at a meal

**place'ment** *n.* 1 a placing or being placed 2 location or arrangement

**pla·cen·ta** (plə sen'tə) *n.*, *pl.* -tas or -tae (-tē) [*ult. < Gr plax, a flat object*] the structure in the uterus through which the fetus is nourished: cf. AFTERBIRTH —**pla·cen'tal** *adj.*

**plac·er** (plas'ər) *n.* [*< Sp placel*] a deposit of gravel or sand containing particles of gold, etc. that can be washed out

**place setting** the dish, utensils, etc. used for setting one place at a table for a meal

**plac·id** (plas'id) *adj.* [*L placidus*] calm; quiet —**pla·cid·i·ty** (plə sid'ə tē) *n.* —**plac'id·ly** *adv.*

**plack·et** (plak'it) *n.* [*< ?*] a slit at the waist of a skirt or collar of a shirt, to make it easy to put on and take off

**pla·gi·a·rize** (plā'jə riz') *vt.*, *vi.* -rized', -riz'ing [*< L plagiarius, kidnapper*] to take (ideas, writings, etc.) from (another) and pass them off as one's own —**pla'gi·a·rism'** (-riz'əm) *n.* —**pla'gi·a·rist** *n.*

**plague** (plāg) *n.* [*< Gr plēgē, a misfortune*] 1 any affliction or calamity 2 any deadly epidemic disease —*vt.* **plagued**, **plagu'ing** 1 to afflict with a plague 2 to vex; torment

**plaice** (plās) *n.*, *pl.* **plaice** or **plaices** any of various American and European flounders

**plaid** (plad) *n.* [*Gael plaide, a blanket*] 1 cloth with a crossbarred pattern 2 any pattern of this kind —*adj.* having such a pattern

**plain** (plān) *adj.* [*< L planus, flat*] 1 open; clear [*in plain view*] 2 clearly understood; obvious 3 outspoken; straightforward 4 not luxurious or ornate 5 not complicated; simple 6 homely 7 pure; unmixed 8 common; ordinary [*a plain man*] —*n.* an extent of level country —*adv.* clearly —**plain'ly** *adv.* —**plain'ness** *n.*

**plain'clothes' man** a detective or police officer who wears civilian clothes while on duty: also **plain'clothes'man**, *pl.* -men

**plain'song'** *n.* a very old, plain kind of church music chanted in unison

**plaint** (plānt) *n.* [*< L plangere, to lament*] a complaint or lament

**plain·tiff** (plān'tif) *n.* [*see prec.*] one who brings a suit into a court of law

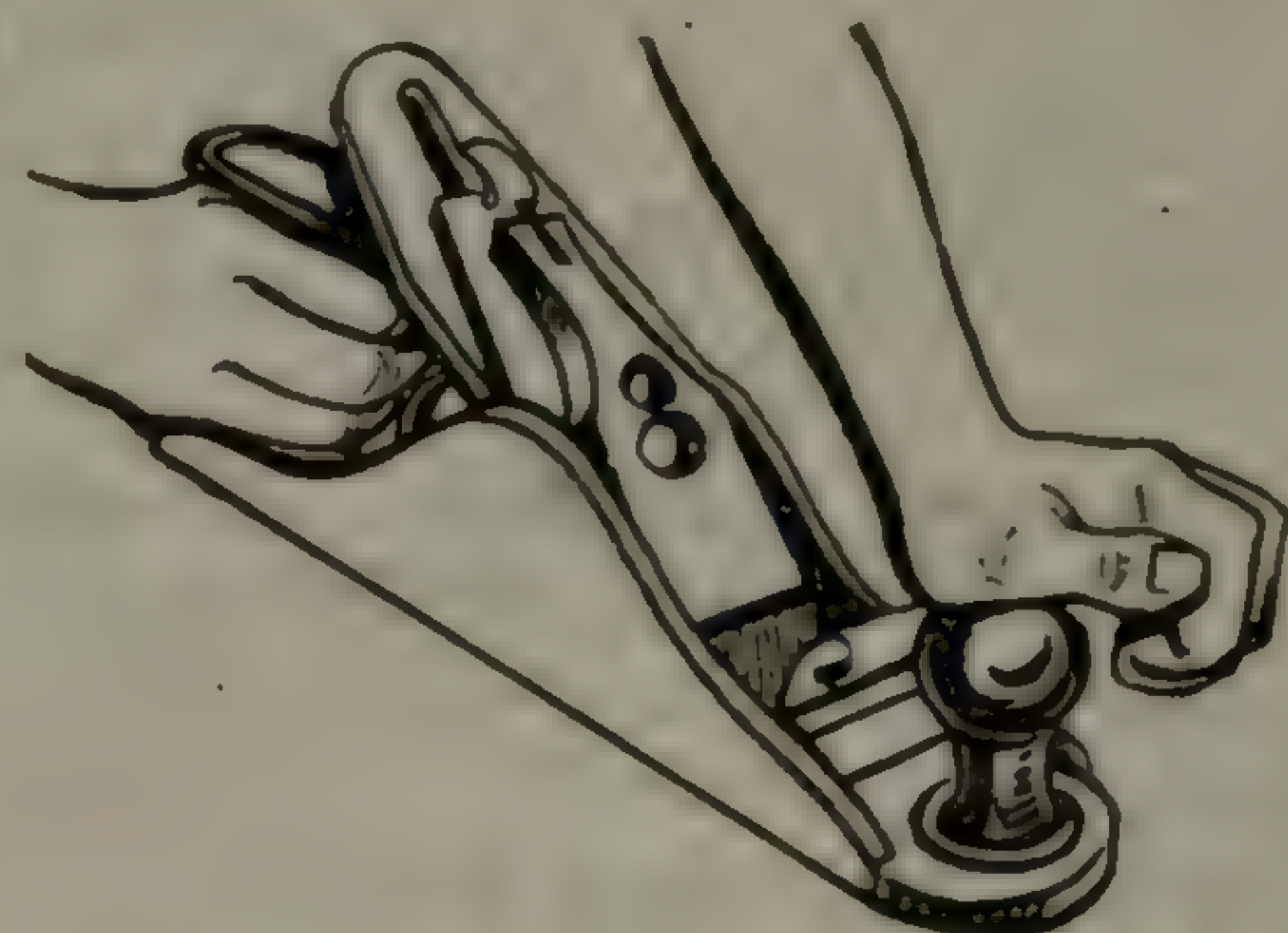
**plain'tive** (-tiv) *adj.* [*see PLAIN*] expressing sorrow or melancholy; mournful; sad

**plait** (plāt) *n.* [*< L plicare, to fold*] a

braid of hair, etc. —*vt.* to braid

**plan** (plan) *n.* [*Fr, plan, foundation*] 1 a diagram showing the arrangement of a structure, piece of ground, etc. 2 a scheme for making, doing, or arranging something 3 any outline or sketch —*vt.* **planned**, **plan'ning** 1 to make a plan of (a structure, etc.) 2 to devise a scheme for doing, etc. 3 to have in mind as a project or purpose —*vi.* to make plans —**plan'ner** *n.*

**plane**<sup>1</sup> (plān) *adj.* [*L planus*] 1 flat; level 2 of or having to do with flat surfaces or points, lines, etc. on them [*plane geometry*] —*n.* 1 a flat, level surface 2 a level of achievement, etc. 3 short for AIRPLANE



PLANE

**plane**<sup>2</sup> (plān) *n.* [*< L planus, level*] a carpenter's tool for shaving a wood surface to make it smooth or level —*vt.* **planed**, **plan'ing** to smooth or level with a plane

**plan·et** (plan'it) *n.* [*< Gr planan, wander*] any celestial body that revolves about a star; esp., one of the sun's nine major planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto —**plan'e·tary** (-ə ter'ē) *adj.*

**plan·e·tar·i·um** (plan'ə ter'ē əm) *n.*, *pl.* -i-ums or -i-a (-ə) 1 a revolving projector used to simulate the past, present, or future motions or positions of the sun, planets, etc. on the inside of a large dome 2 the room or building containing this

**plane tree** any of various trees with ball-shaped fruits and bark that sheds in large patches; sycamore

**plan·gent** (plan'jənt) *adj.* [*< L plangere, to beat*] loud or resonant, and, often, mournful-sounding

**plank** (plank) *n.* [*< LL planca*] 1 a long, broad, thick board 2 an item in the platform of a political party —*vt.* 1 to cover with planks 2 to broil and serve (steak, fish, etc.) on a board 3 [*Inf.*] to set (*down*) with force

**plank'ing** *n.* 1 planks in quantity 2 the planks of a structure

**plank·ton** (plank'tən) *n.* [*< Gr plazes-thai, wander*] the microscopic animal and plant life found floating in bodies of water

**plant** (plant) *n.* [*< L planta, a sprout*] 1 any of a group of living organisms, excluding animals, bacteria, and certain other simple organisms, typically having leaves, stems, and roots and the ability to carry on photosynthesis 2 an herb, as distinguished from a tree or shrub 3 the machinery, buildings, etc.



of a factory, etc. —*vt.* 1 to put into the ground to grow 2 to set firmly in position 3 to settle; establish 4 [Slang] to place (a person or thing) in such a way as to trick, trap, etc.

**plan-tain**<sup>1</sup> (plan'tin) *n.* [*< L plantago*] a plant with basal leaves and spikes of tiny, greenish flowers

**plan-tain**<sup>2</sup> (plan'tin) *n.* [*< Sp plátano*, banana tree] a hybrid banana plant yielding a fruit that is usually cooked while green

**plan-tar** (plant'ər) *adj.* [*< L planta*, sole] of or on the sole of the foot

**plan-ta-tion** (plan tā'shən) *n.* [*< L plantare*, to plant] 1 an estate, as in a warm climate, cultivated by workers living on it 2 a large, cultivated planting of trees

**plant-er** (plant'ər) *n.* 1 the owner of a plantation 2 one that plants 3 a decorative container for plants

**plant'ing** *n.* 1 the act of putting seeds, etc. into soil 2 something planted

**plant louse** APHID

**plaque** (plak) *n.* [*Fr < MDu placke*, disk] 1 a flat, inscribed piece of wood or metal, used to commemorate an event, etc. 2 a thin film of matter on uncleaned teeth

**plash** (plash) *vt., vi., n.* [*echoic*] SPLASH

**plas-ma** (plaz'mə) *n.* [*Ger < Gr*, something molded] 1 the fluid part of blood, lymph, or milk 2 a high-temperature, ionized gas that is electrically neutral

**plasma membrane** a very thin living membrane surrounding a plant or animal cell

**plas-ter** (plas'tər) *n.* [*< Gr emplassein*, to daub over] 1 a pasty mixture, as of lime, sand, and water, that hardens when it dries, for coating walls, etc. 2 PLASTER OF PARIS 3 a pasty, medicinal preparation spread on cloth and applied to the body —*vt.* 1 to cover as with plaster 2 to apply like a plaster [to plaster posters on walls] 3 to make lie smooth and flat —**plas'ter-er** *n.*

**plas'ter-board** *n.* thin board consisting of plaster of Paris covered with heavy paper, used in wide sheets for walls, etc.

**plaster of Paris** [from use of gypsum from Paris, France] a thick paste of gypsum and water that sets quickly: used for casts, statuary, etc.

**plas-tic** (plas'tik) *adj.* [*< Gr plassein*, to form] 1 molding or shaping matter; formative 2 that can be molded or shaped 3 made of plastic —*n.* 1 any of various nonmetallic compounds, synthetically produced, which can be molded and hardened for commercial use 2 [Inf.] a credit card or credit cards, or credit based on their use —**plas-tic'i-ty** (-tis'ə tē) *n.*

**plas'ti-cize'** (-tə sīz') *vt., vi.* -cized', -ciz'ing to make or become plastic

**plastic surgery** surgery dealing with the repair of deformed or destroyed parts of the body, as by transferring skin, bone, etc. from other parts —**plas-tic surgeon**

**plat** (plat) *n.* [var. of PLOT] 1 a small piece of ground 2 a map or plan, as of a

subdivision —*vt.* **plat'ted**, **plat'ting** to make a map or plan of

**plate** (plāt) *n.* [*< Gr platys*, broad] 1 a smooth, flat, thin piece of metal, etc., specif. one on which an engraving is cut 2 an impression taken from an engraved surface 3 dishes, utensils, etc. of, or plated with, silver or gold 4 a shallow dish 5 the food in a dish; a course 6 a denture, specif. that part of it which fits to the mouth 7 *Baseball* short for HOME PLATE 8 *Photog.* a sheet of glass, metal, etc. coated with a film sensitive to light 9 *Printing* a cast to be printed from —*vt.* **plat'ed**, **plat'ing** 1 to coat with gold, silver, etc. 2 to cover with metal plates

**pla-teau** (pla tō') *n.* [*Fr*: see prec.] 1 an elevated tract of level land 2 a period of relative stability or little change

**plate glass** polished, clear glass in thick sheets, for windows, mirrors, etc.

**plate-let** (plāt'lit) *n.* a small blood cell involved in clotting

**plat-en** (plat'n) *n.* [*< OFr plat*, flat] 1 in a printing press, a flat metal plate which presses the paper against the type 2 a typewriter roller on which the keys strike

**plate tec-ton-ics** (tek tən'iks) *Geol.* the theory that the earth's surface consists of plates whose constant motion explains continental drift, etc.

**plat-form** (plat'fôrm') *n.* [*Fr plate-forme*, lit., flat form] 1 a raised horizontal surface, as a stage for speakers, etc. 2 a statement of policy, esp. of a political party

**plat-i-num** (plat'n əm) *n.* [*< Sp plata*, silver] a silvery, metallic chemical element, resistant to corrosion: used for jewelry, etc.

**plat-i-tude** (plat'ə tōd') *n.* [*Fr < plat*, flat, after *latitude*, etc.] a commonplace or trite remark

**Pla-to** (plāt'ō) 427?-347? B.C.; *Gr.* philosopher

**Pla-ton-ic** (plə tən'ik) *adj.* 1 of Plato or his philosophy 2 [usually *p-*] not sexual but purely spiritual: said of a relationship, etc.

**pla-toon** (plə tōn') *n.* [*Fr peloton*, a ball, group] 1 a military unit composed of two or more squads 2 *Sports* any of the specialized squads making up a team —*vt.* *Sports* to alternate (players) at a position

**plat-ter** (plat'ər) *n.* [*< OFr plat*, flat] a large, shallow dish, usually oval, for serving food

**plat-y** (plat'ē) *n., pl.* **plat'y**, **plat'ys**, or **plat'ies** [clipped *< ModL Platyopocilus*, genus name] a brightly colored, freshwater fish of Central America: used in aquariums

**plat-y-pus** (plat'ə.pəs) *n., pl.* -pus-es or -pi' (-pi') [*< Gr platys*, flat + *pous*, foot] a small, egg-laying water mammal of Australia, with webbed feet and a duck-like bill: duckbill

**plau-dit** (plō'dit) *n.* [*< L plaudere*, applaud] [usually *pl.*] applause

**plau-si-ble** (plō'zə bəl) *adj.* [*< L*



*plaudere*, applaud] seemingly true, trustworthy, honest, etc. —**plau'si-bil'i-ty** *n.*

**play** (plā) *vi.* [OE *plegan*] 1 to move lightly, rapidly, etc. [sunlight *played* on the water] 2 to engage in recreation 3 to take part in a game or sport 4 to trifle (*with* a thing or person) 5 to perform on a musical instrument 6 to give out sounds 7 to act in a specified way [to *play* dumb] 8 to act in a drama 9 to impose unscrupulously (*on* another's feelings) —**vt.** 1 to take part in (a game or sport) 2 to oppose (a person, team, etc.) in a game 3 to do, as in fun [to *play* tricks] 4 to bet on 5 to cause to move, etc.; wield 6 to cause [to *play* havoc] 7 to perform (music, a drama, etc.) 8 to perform on (an instrument) 9 to act the part of [to *play* Hamlet] —**n.** 1 motion or activity, esp. when free or rapid 2 freedom for motion or action 3 recreation; sport 4 fun; joking 5 the playing of a game 6 a move or act in a game 7 a dramatic composition or performance; drama —**in** (or **out of**) **play** *Sports* in (or not in) the condition for continuing play: said of a ball, etc. —**play down** to attach little importance to —**played out** exhausted —**play up** [Inf.] to give prominence to —**play up to** [Inf.] to try to please by flattery

**play'act'** *vi.* 1 to pretend 2 to behave in an affected or dramatic manner —**play'acting** *n.*

**play'back'** *n.* 1 reproduction of sounds, images, etc. from a recorded disc, tape, etc. 2 the control or device for such reproduction

**play'bill'** *n.* 1 a poster advertising a play 2 a program of a play, listing the cast, etc.

**play'boy'** *n.* a man of means who is given to pleasure-seeking

**play'er** *n.* 1 one who plays a specified game, instrument, etc. 2 an actor

**play'ful** *adj.* 1 fond of play or fun 2 jocular —**play'ful-ly** *adv.* —**play'ful-ness** *n.*

**play'go'er** (-gō'ər) *n.* one who goes to the theater frequently or regularly

**play'ground'** *n.* a place, often near a school, for outdoor recreation

**play'house'** *n.* 1 a theater for live dramatic productions 2 a small house for children to play in

**playing cards** cards used in playing various games, arranged in four suits

**play'mate'** *n.* a companion in games and recreation

**play'off'** *n.* a contest to break a tie or to decide a championship

**play on words** a pun or punning

**play'pen'** *n.* a portable enclosure for an infant to play or crawl in safely

**play'thing'** *n.* a toy

**play'wright'** (-rit') *n.* one who writes plays

**pla·za** (plā'zə, plaz'ə) *n.* [Sp < L *platea*, street] 1 a public square in a city or town 2 a shopping center 3 a service area along a superhighway

**plea** (plē) *n.* [< L *placere*, to please] 1 a

statement in defense; excuse 2 a request; appeal 3 *Law* the response of a defendant to criminal charges

**plea'-bar'gain** *vi.* to engage in plea bargaining

**plea bargaining** pretrial negotiations in which the defendant agrees to plead guilty to a lesser charge if more serious charges are dropped

**plead** (plēd) *vi.* **plead'ed** or **pled** or **plead** (pled), **plead'ing** [see PLEA] 1 to present a plea in a law court 2 to make an appeal; beg —**vt.** 1 to argue (a law case) 2 to answer (guilty or not guilty) to a charge 3 to offer as an excuse —**plead'er** *n.*

**pleas·ant** (plez'ənt) *adj.* [< Fr *plaisir*, to please] 1 agreeable to the mind or senses; pleasing 2 having an agreeable manner, look, etc.; amiable —**pleas'ant-ly** *adv.* —**pleas'ant-ness** *n.*

**pleas'ant-ry** (-ən trē) *n., pl. -ries* 1 a humorous remark 2 a polite social remark [to exchange *pleasantries*]

**please** (plēz) *vt.* **pleased**, **pleas'ing** [< L *placere*] 1 to be agreeable to; satisfy 2 to be the wish of [it *pleased* him to go] —**vi.** 1 to be agreeable; satisfy 2 to have the wish; like [to do as one *pleases*] *Please* is also used in polite requests [please sit down]

**pleas'ing** *adj.* giving pleasure —**pleas'ing-ly** *adv.*

**pleas·ur·a·ble** (plezh'ər ə bəl) *adj.* pleasant; enjoyable

**pleas·ure** (plezh'ər) *n.* 1 a pleased feeling; delight 2 one's wish, will, or choice 3 a thing that gives delight or satisfaction —**pleas'ure-ful** *adj.*

**pleat** (plēt) *n.* [ME *pletten*] a flat double fold in cloth, etc. pressed or stitched in place —**vt.** to lay and press (cloth) in a pleat or pleats

**ple·be·ian** (pli bē'an) *n.* [< L *plebs*, the common people] 1 one of the common people 2 a vulgar, coarse person —**adj.** vulgar or common

**pleb·i·scite** (pleb'ə sīt') *n.* [< L *plebs*, the common people + *scitum*, a decree] a direct vote of the people on a political issue, such as independent nationhood or annexation

**plec·trum** (plek'trəm) *n., pl. -trums* or **-tra** (-trə) [L < Gr *plēssein*, to strike] a thin piece of metal, plastic, etc., for plucking the strings of a guitar, etc.; pick

**pled** (pled) *vi., vt. pt. & pp. of PLEAD*

**pledge** (plej) *n.* [prob < OS *plegan*, to warrant] 1 the condition of being given or held as security for a contract, payment, etc. 2 a person or thing given or held thus as security 3 a promise or agreement 4 something promised —**vt.** **pledged**, **pledg'ing** 1 to give as security 2 to bind by a promise 3 to promise to give

**Pleis·to·cene** (plīs'tə sēn') *adj.* [< Gr *pleistos*, most + *kainos*, recent] designating an epoch in the Cenozoic Era, characterized by the appearance of modern humans

**ple·na·ry** (plē'nə rē, plen'ə-) *adj.* [< L *plenus*, full] 1 full; complete 2 for attendance by all members [a *plenary*



**plen-i-po-ten-ti-ar-y** (plen'i pō ten'shē er'ē) *adj.* [*< L plenus, full + potens, powerful*] having or conferring full authority —*n., pl. -aries* a diplomat given full authority

**plen-i-tude** (plen'i tōd') *n.* [*< L plenus, full*] 1 fullness; completeness 2 abundance; plenty

**plen-te-ous** (plen'tē əs) *adj.* plentiful

**plen-ti-ful** (plen'ti fəl) *adj.* 1 having or yielding plenty 2 abundant —**plen'ti-ful-ly** *adv.*

**plen-ty** (plen'tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*< L plenus, full*] 1 prosperity; opulence 2 a sufficient supply 3 a large number —**adv.** [*Inf.*] fully; quite

**pleth-o-ra** (pleth'ə rə) *n.* [*< Gr plēthein, to be full*] an overabundance

**pleu-ra** (plōr'ə) *n., pl. -rae* (-ē) [*< Gr, rib, side*] the thin membrane that covers a lung and lines the chest cavity in mammals

**pleu-ri-sy** (plōr'ə sē) *n.* [*< Gr pleura, rib, side*] inflammation of the pleura, characterized by painful breathing

**Plex-i-glas** (plek'si glas') *trademark* for a lightweight, transparent thermoplastic substance —*n.* this material

**plex-i-glass** (plek'si-glas') *n.* a material like Plexiglas

**plex-us** (plek'səs) *n., pl. -us-es* or *-us* [*< L plectere, to twine*] a network of blood vessels, nerves, etc.

**pli-a-ble** (plī'ə bəl) *adj.* [*< L plicare, to fold*] 1 easily bent; flexible 2 easily influenced or persuaded 3 adaptable —**pli'a-bil'i-ty** *n.*

**pli-ant** (plī'ənt) *adj.* 1 easily bent; pliable 2 compliant —**pli'an-cy** *n.*

**pli-ers** (plī'ərz)

*pl.n.* [*< PLY<sup>1</sup>*] small pincers for gripping small objects, bending wire, etc.: often pair of pliers



PLIERS

**plight<sup>1</sup>** (plīt) *n.* [*< OFr pleit, a fold*] a distressing situation

**plight<sup>2</sup>** (plīt) *vt.* [*< OE pliht, a pledge, danger*] to pledge, or bind by a pledge

**plinth** (plinth) *n.* [*< Gr plinthos, a brick*] the block at the base of a column, pedestal, etc.

**PLO** *abbrev.* Palestine Liberation Organization

**plod** (plād) *vi.* plod'ded, plod'ding [*of echoic orig.*] 1 to move heavily and laboriously; trudge 2 to work steadily; drudge —**plod'der** *n.*

**plop** (plāp) *vt., vi.* plopped, plop'ping [*echoic*] to drop with a sound like that of something flat falling into water —*n.* such a sound

**plot** (plāt) *n.* [*OE*] 1 a small area of ground 2 a secret, usually evil, scheme 3 the plan of action of a play, novel, etc.: also **plot'line'** —**vt.** plot'ted, plot'ting 1 to mark or trace on a chart or map 2 to make secret plans for —**vi.** to scheme —**plot-ter** *n.*

**plov-er** (pluv'ər, plō'vər) *n.* [*< L pluvia, rain*] a bird living near the shore, hav-

ing a short tail and long, pointed wings  
**plow** (plou) *n.* [*OE ploh*] 1 a farm implement used to cut and turn up the soil 2 any implement like this, as a snowplow —**vt.** 1 to cut and turn up (soil) with a plow 2 to make (one's way) through by or as if by plowing. —**vi.** 1 to use a plow 2 to move (*through, into, etc.*) with force 3 to plod 4 to begin work vigorously: with *into* Also, chiefly Brit.; **plough** —**plow'man** (-mən), *pl.-men, n.*

**plow'share'** *n.* the cutting blade of a plow

**ploy** (ploi) *n.* [*? < (EM)PLOY*] an action intended to outwit someone

**pluck** (pluk) *vt.* [*OE pluccian*] 1 to pull off or out; pick 2 to snatch 3 to pull feathers or hair from 4 to pull at (a guitar string, etc.) and release quickly —**vi.** to pull: often with *at* —*n.* 1 a pulling; tug 2 courage

**pluck'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est brave; spirited —**pluck'i-ness** *n.*

**plug** (plug) *n.* [*MDu plugge*] 1 an object used to stop up a hole, etc. 2 a cake of pressed tobacco 3 an electrical device, as with prongs, for making contact or closing a circuit 4 a kind of fishing lure 5 [*Inf.*] a free boost, advertisement, etc. 6 [*Slang*] an old, worn-out horse —**vt.** **plugged, plug'ging.** 1 to fill (a hole, etc.) with a plug 2 to insert a plug of 3 [*Inf.*] to advertise with a plug 4 [*Slang*] to shoot a bullet into —**vi.** [*Inf.*] to work doggedly —**plug in** to connect (an electrical device) by inserting a plug into a jack, socket, etc.

**plum** (plum) *n.* [*OE plume*] 1 *a)* a tree bearing a smooth-skinned fruit with a flattened stone *b)* the fruit 2 a raisin [*plum pudding*] 3 the bluish-red color of some plums 4 something desirable

**plum-age** (plōō'mij) *n.* [*Fr < plume, a feather*] a bird's feathers

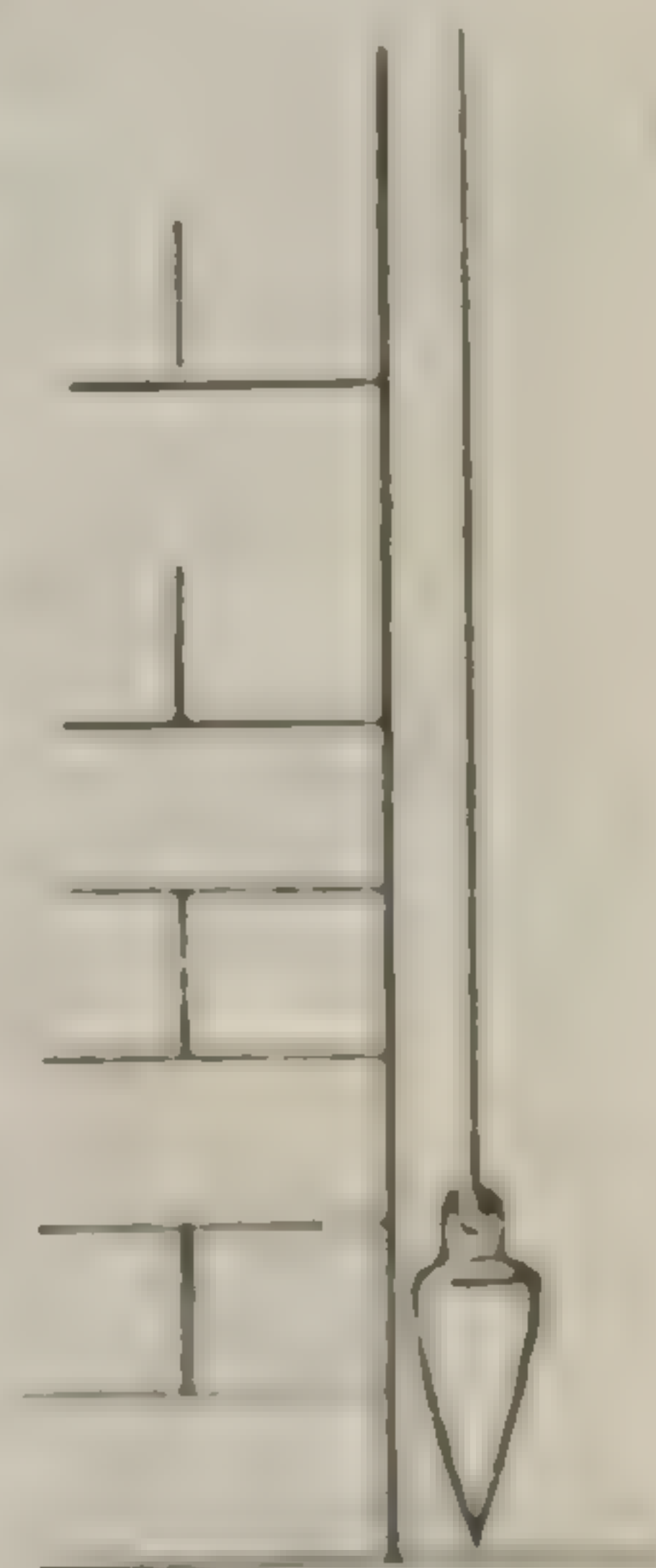
**plumb** (plum) *n.* [*< L plumbum, LEAD<sup>2</sup>*] a lead weight (**plumb bob**) hung at the end of a line (**plumb line**), used to determine how deep water is or whether a wall, etc. is vertical —**adj.** perfectly vertical —**adv.** 1 straight down 2 [*Inf.*] entirely —**vt.** 1 to test or sound with a plumb 2 to probe or fathom —**out of (or off) plumb** not vertical

**plumb-er** (plum'ər) *n.* [*see prec.*] a skilled worker who installs and repairs pipes, fixtures, etc., as of water systems

**plumber's helper** [*Inf.*] **PLUNGER** (sense 2): also **plumber's friend**

**plumb-ing** (plum'ing) *n.* 1 the work of a plumber 2 the pipes and fixtures with which a plumber works

**plume** (plōōm) *n.* [*< L pluma*] 1 a feather, esp. a large, showy one 2 a group of these —**vt.** plumed, plum'ing



PLUMB



1 to adorn with plumes 2 to preen — **plum'y**, **-i-er**, **-i-est**, **adj.**

**plum·met** (plum'it) *n.* [see PLUMB] 1 a plumb 2 a thing that weighs heavily — **vi.** to fall straight downward

**plump**<sup>1</sup> (plump) **adj.** [< MDu *plomp*, bulky] full and rounded in form; chubby — **plump'ness** *n.*

**plump**<sup>2</sup> (plump) **vi.**, **vt.** [echoic] to drop or bump suddenly or heavily — **n.** 1 a falling, bumping, etc. 2 the sound of this — **adv.** 1 suddenly; heavily 2 straight down

**plun·der** (plun'dər) **vt.**, **vi.** [< Ger *plunder*, baggage] 1 to rob or pillage 2 to take (property) by force or fraud — **n.** 1 a plundering 2 things taken by force or fraud

**plunge** (plunj) **vt.** **plunged**, **plung'ing** [see PLUMB] to thrust or throw suddenly (*into* a liquid, condition, etc.) — **vi.** 1 to dive or rush 2 to move violently and rapidly downward or forward 3 [Inf.] to gamble heavily — **n.** 1 a dive or fall 2 [Inf.] a gamble

**plung'er** *n.* 1 one who plunges 2 a large rubber suction cup used to free clogged drains 3 any cylindrical device that operates with a plunging motion, as a piston

**plunk** (plunk) **vt.** [echoic] 1 to strum (a banjo, etc.) 2 to throw or put down heavily — **vi.** 1 to give out a twanging sound 2 to fall heavily — **n.** the sound made by plunking — **plunk down** [Inf.] to give in payment

**plu·ral** (ploor'əl) **adj.** [< L *plus*, more] more than one — **n.** *Gram.* the form of a word designating more than one (Ex.: *hands*, *men*)

**plu'ral·ism'** *n.* various ethnic, religious, etc. groups existing together in a nation or society — **plu'ral·ist** *n.*, **adj.** — **plu'ral·is'tic** **adj.**

**plu·ral·i·ty** (ploō ral'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ties** 1 a being plural or numerous 2 *a)* the excess of votes in an election that the leading candidate has over the nearest rival *b)* a majority

**plu·ral·ize** (ploō rə' līz') **vt.**, **vi.** **-ized'**, **-iz'ing** to make plural

**plus** (plus) **prep.** [L, more] 1 added to [2 *plus* 2] 2 in addition to — **adj.** 1 indicating addition 2 positive [a *plus* quantity] 3 somewhat higher than [a grade of B *plus*] 4 involving extra gain [a *plus* factor] 5 [Inf.] and more [personality *plus*] — **n.**, *pl.* **plus'es** or **plus'ses** 1 a sign (*plus* sign, +) indicating addition or positive quantity 2 something added 3 an advantage; benefit

**plush** (plush) *n.* [< L *pilus*, hair] a fabric with a soft, thick pile — **adj.** [Inf.] luxurious: also **plush'y**, **-i-er**, **-i-est**

**Plu·tarch** (ploō'tärk') A.D. 46?-120?; Gr. biographer & historian

**Plu·to** (ploōt'ō) 1 *Gr. & Rom. Myth.* the god of the lower world 2 the outermost planet: see PLANET

**plu·toc·ra·cy** (ploō tāk'rə sē) *n.*, *pl.* **-cies** [< Gr *ploutos*, wealth + *kratein*, to rule] 1 government by the wealthy 2 a group

of wealthy people who control a government

**plu·to·crat** (ploōt'ə krat') *n.* 1 a member of a plutocracy 2 one whose wealth is the source of control or influence — **plu'to·crat'ic** **adj.**

**plu·to·ni·um** (ploō tō'nē əm) *n.* [after PLUTO (planet)] a radioactive metallic chemical element

**plu·vi·al** (ploō'vē əl) **adj.** [< L *pluvia*, rain] of, or having much, rain

**ply**<sup>1</sup> (plī) **vt.** **plied**, **ply'ing** [< L *plicare*, to fold] [Now Rare] to twist, fold, etc. — **n.**, *pl.* **plies** 1 a thickness or layer, as of cloth or plywood 2 one of the twisted strands in rope, yarn, etc.

**ply**<sup>2</sup> (plī) **vt.** **plied**, **ply'ing** [contr. < APPLY] 1 to use (a tool, faculty, etc.), esp. with energy 2 to work at (a trade) 3 to keep supplying, assailing, etc. (*with*) 4 to sail back and forth across — **vi.** 1 to keep busy (*at*) 2 to travel regularly (*between* places)

**Ply·mouth** (plim'əth) town in SE Massachusetts: settled by the Pilgrims (1620): pop. 46,000

**ply'wood'** *n.* [PLY<sup>1</sup> + WOOD] a construction material made of thin layers of wood glued together

**PM** *abbrev.* 1 [L *post meridiem*] after noon: used for the time from noon to midnight: also **P.M.** or **p.m.** or **pm** 2 Postmaster 3 Prime Minister

**PMS** *abbrev.* [p(re)m(enstrual)s(yndrome)] the physical and emotional symptoms that may precede menstruation

**pneu·mat·ic** (nōō mat'ik) **adj.** [< Gr *pneuma*, breath] 1 of or containing wind, air, or gases 2 filled with or worked by compressed air

**pneu·mo·ni·a** (nōō mōn'yə) *n.* [< Gr *pneumōn*, lung < *pnein*, breathe] inflammation of the lungs caused as by bacteria or viruses

**Po** (pō) river in N Italy, flowing from the Alps into the Adriatic

**PO** *abbrev.* 1 Post Office 2 post office box

**poach**<sup>1</sup> (pōch) **vt.** [< MFr *poche*, pocket: the yolk is "pocketed" in the white] to cook (fish, an egg without its shell, etc.) in or over boiling water

**poach**<sup>2</sup> (pōch) **vt.**, **vi.** [< MHG *puchen*, to plunder] 1 to trespass on (private property), esp. to hunt or fish 2 to hunt or catch (game or fish) illegally — **poach'er** *n.*

**pock** (pāk) *n.* [OE *pocc*] 1 a pustule caused by smallpox, etc. 2 **POCKMARK** — **pocked** **adj.**

**pock·et** (pāk'it) *n.* [< Fr *poque*, a pouch] 1 a little bag or pouch, esp. one sewn into clothing, for carrying small articles 2 a pouchlike cavity or hollow 3 a small area or group [a *pocket* of poverty] — **adj.** 1 that can be carried in a pocket 2 small — **vt.** 1 to put into a pocket 2 to envelop; enclose 3 to take (money, etc.) dishonestly 4 to suppress [to *pocket* one's pride] — **pock'et·ful'**, *pl.* **-fuls'**, *n.*

**pock'et·book'** *n.* 1 a woman's purse or handbag 2 monetary resources

**pock'et·knife'** *n.*, *pl.* **-knives'** a knife with a blade or blades that fold into the



handle

**pock'mark'** *n.* a scar left by a pustule, as of smallpox

**pod** (pād) *n.* [**< ?**] a dry fruit or seed vessel, as of peas or beans

**-pod** (pād) [**< Gr** *pous*, foot] *combining form* 1 foot 2 (one) having (a specified number or kind of) feet Also **-pode** (pōd)

**po·di·a·try** (pō dī'ə trē) *n.* [**< Gr** *pous*, foot + **-IATRY**] the profession dealing with the care and treatment of the feet —**po·di'a·trist** *n.*

**po·di·um** (pō'dē əm) *n.* [**L** **< Gr** *pous*, foot] 1 a small platform, as for an orchestra conductor 2 LECTERN

**Poe** (pō), **Ed·gar Al·lan** (ed'gər al'an) 1809-49; U.S. poet & short-story writer

**po·em** (pō'əm) *n.* [**< Gr** *poiein*, to make] an arrangement of words, esp. a rhythmical composition, sometimes rhymed, in a style more imaginative than ordinary speech or prose

**po·e·sy** (pō'ə sē') *n.* old-fashioned var. of POETRY

**po·et** (pō'ət) *n.* 1 one who writes poems or verses 2 one who displays imaginative power and beauty of thought, language, etc. —**po'et·ess** *fem.n.*

**po·et·as·ter** (pō'ə tas'tər) *n.* [**< prec.** + **L** **-aster**, dim. suffix] a writer of mediocre verse

**po·et·ic** (pō et'ik) *adj.* 1 of or for poets or poetry 2 displaying the beauty, imaginative qualities, etc. found in good poetry Also **po·et'i·cal** *adj.* —**po·et'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**poetic justice** justice, as in stories, applied in an especially fitting way

**poetic license** deviation from strict fact or rules, for artistic effect

**poet laureate** the official poet of a nation, appointed to write poems celebrating national events, etc.

**po·et·ry** (pō'ə trē) *n.* 1 the art, theory, or structure of poems 2 poems 3 poetic qualities

**po·grom** (pō'grəm, -grām') *n.* [**< Russ**, earlier, riot, storm] an organized massacre, as of Jews in czarist Russia

**poi** (poi) *n.* [**Haw**] a Hawaiian food that is a paste of taro root

**poign·ant** (poin'yənt) *adj.* [**< L** *pungere*, to prick] 1 pungent 2 *a*) sharply painful to the feelings *b*) emotionally moving 3 sharp, biting, pointed, etc. —**poign'an·cy** *n.*

**poin·ci·an·a** (poin'sē an'ə) *n.* [after M. de Poinci, early governor of the Fr West Indies] a small tropical tree or shrub with showy red, orange, or yellow flowers

**poin·set·ti·a** (poin set'ə, -set'ē ə) *n.* [after J. R. Poinsett, 19th-c. U.S. ambassador to Mexico] a tropical shrub with yellow flowers and petal-like red leaves

**point** (point) *n.* [**< L** *pungere*, to prick] 1 a dot in writing, etc. [a decimal point]

2 a position or location 3 the exact moment 4 a condition reached [boiling point] 5 a detail; item [point by point] 6 a distinguishing feature 7 a unit, as of value or game scores 8 a sharp end 9 a projecting piece of land; cape 10 the essential fact or idea [the point of a joke] 11 a purpose; object 12 a convincing idea or fact 13 a helpful hint 14 a mark showing direction on a compass 15 *Finance a*) a \$1 change in the price of a stock *b*) a unit or amount equal to one percent 16 *Printing* a measuring unit for type, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch —**vt.** 1 to sharpen to a point 2 to give (a story, etc.) emphasis: usually with *up* 3 to show: usually with *out* [point out the way] 4 to aim —**vi.** 1 to direct one's finger (*at* or *to*) 2 to call attention (*to*) 3 to be directed (*to* or *toward*) —**at the point of** very close to —**beside the point** irrelevant —**to the point** pertinent; apt

**point'·blank'** *adj., adv.* [**prec.** + *blank* (white center of a target)] 1 (aimed) straight at a mark 2 direct(ly); blunt(ly)

**point'ed** *adj.* 1 having a sharp end 2 sharp; incisive 3 aimed at someone: said as of a remark 4 very evident —**point'ed·ly** *adv.*

**poin·telle** (poin tel') *n.* a lacy, loosely formed fabric, often of acrylic, used for blouses, sweaters, etc.

**point'er** *n.* 1 a long, tapered rod for pointing to things 2 an indicator on a meter, etc. 3 a large, muscular hunting dog with a smooth coat 4 [**Inf.**] a helpful hint or suggestion

**poin·til·lism** (pwan'tə liz'əm) *n.* [**Fr**] a style of painting using dots of color that blend together when seen from a distance —**poin'til·list** *n., adj.*

**point'less** *adj.* 1 without a point 2 without meaning or force; senseless

**point man** 1 the soldier in the front position in a patrol 2 anyone in the forefront a movement of attacking or supporting a political program, etc.

**point of view** 1 the way in which something is viewed 2 a mental attitude or opinion

**point'y** *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** 1 coming to a sharp point 2 many-pointed

**poise** (poiz) *n.* [**< L** *pendere*, weigh] 1 balance; stability 2 ease and dignity of manner 3 carriage, as of the body —**vt., vi.** **poised, pois'ing** to balance or be balanced

**poised** *adj.* 1 calm; self-assured 2 readied

**poi·son** (poi'zən) *n.* [**< L** *potio*, potion] a substance that can cause illness or death when ingested even in small quantities —**vt.** 1 to harm or kill with poison 2 to put poison into 3 to influence wrongfully —**adj.** poisonous

**poison ivy** a plant having leaves of



three leaflets and ivory-colored berries: it can cause a severe rash if touched

**poi'son·ous**

**adj.** that can injure or kill by or as by poison; toxic  
—**poi'son·ous·ly** **adv.**

**poison pill**

any defensive measure that makes the takeover of a corporation prohibitively expensive

**poke**<sup>1</sup> (pōk) **vt.** poked, pok'ing [*< MDu poken*] 1 *a*) to prod, as with a stick *b*) [Slang] to hit 2 to make (a hole, etc.) by poking —**vi.** 1 to jab (*at*) 2 to pry or search (*about* or *around*) 3 to move slowly (*along*) —**n.** 1 a jab; thrust 2 [Slang] a blow with the fist —**poke fun at** to ridicule

**poke**<sup>2</sup> (pōk) **n.** [OFr] [Dial.] a sack

**pok·er**<sup>1</sup> (pōk'ər) **n.** [*< ? Ger pochspiel*, lit., game of defiance] a card game in which the players bet on the value of their hands

**pok·er**<sup>2</sup> (pō'kər) **n.** a rod, usually of iron, for stirring a fire

**poker face** an expressionless face, as of a poker player trying to conceal the nature of his or her hand

**pok·y** (pō'kē) **adj.** -i·er, -i·est [POKE<sup>1</sup> + -Y<sup>2</sup>] 1 slow, dull, etc. 2 small and uncomfortable [*a poky room*] Also **pok'ey**

**pol** (pāl) **n.** [Slang] a politician

**Pol** **abbrev.** 1 Poland 2 Polish

**Po·land** (pō'lənd) **n.** country in EC Europe, on the Baltic Sea: 120,628 sq. mi.; pop. 38,309,000

**po·lar** (pō'lər) **adj.** 1 of or near the North or South pole 2 of a pole or poles

**polar bear** a large white bear of coastal arctic regions

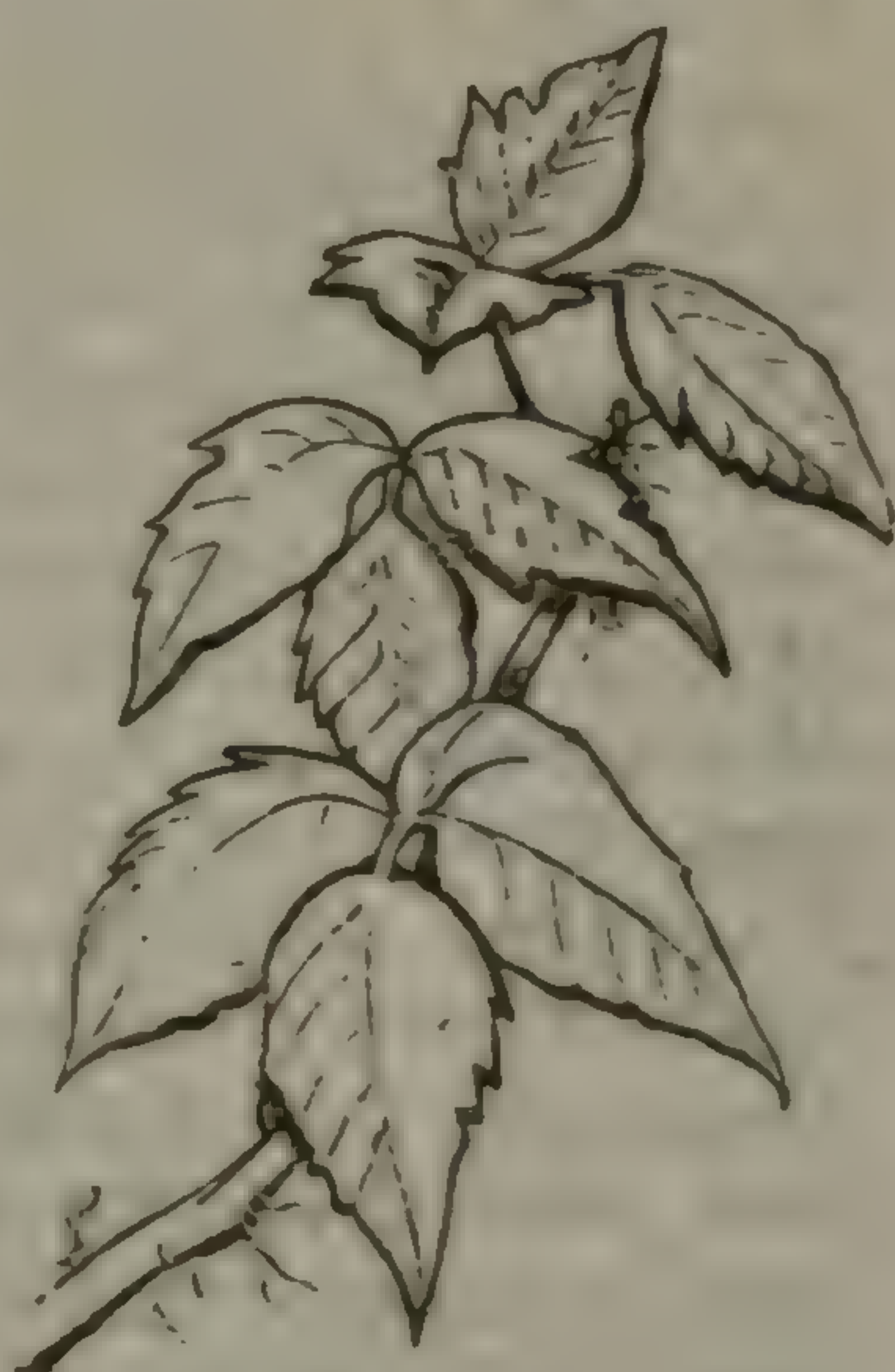
**Po·la·ris** (pō lar'is) **n.** the bright star almost directly above the North Pole

**po·lar·i·ty** (pō lar'ə tē) **n., pl.** -ties 1 the tendency of bodies having opposite magnetic poles to have their ends point to the earth's magnetic poles 2 the tendency to turn, grow, think, etc. in contrary directions, as if because of magnetic repulsion

**po·lar·i·za·tion** (pō'lə ri zā'shən) **n.** 1 a polarizing or being polarized 2 *Optics* the condition of electromagnetic waves in which the motion of the wave is confined to one plane or one direction

**po·lar·ize** (pō'lə rīz') **vt.** -ized', -iz'ing to give polarity to —**vi.** to acquire polarity; specif., to separate into opposed or antagonistic groups, viewpoints, etc.

**Po·lar·oid** (pō'lə roid') **trademark** for: 1 a transparent material capable of polarizing light 2 [*< Polaroid (Land*



POISON IVY

*Camera*)] *a*) a camera that produces a print within seconds *b*) such a print

**pole**<sup>1</sup> (pōl) **n.** [*< L palus*; a stake] a long, slender piece of wood, metal, etc. —**vt.** poled, pol'ing to push along with a pole  
**pole**<sup>2</sup> (pōl) **n.** [*< Gr polos*] 1 either end of any axis; as of the earth's axis 2 either of two opposed forces, parts, etc., as the ends of a magnet or the terminals of a battery

**Pole** (pōl) **n.** a person born or living in Poland

**pole·cat** (pōl'kat') **n.** [prob. *< OFr poule*, hen + CAT] 1 a small Old World weasel 2 SKUNK

**po·lem·ic** (pō lem'ik) **adj.** [*< Gr polemos*, war] of or involving dispute: also **po·lem'i·cal** —**n.** a controversy

**po·lem'ics** **n.** [*sometimes with pl. v.*] the art or practice of disputation —**po·lem'i·cist** (-i sist) **n.**

**pole'star'** Polaris, the North Star: usually Pole Star —**n.** a guiding principle

**pole vault** a leap for height by jumping over a bar with the aid of a long pole —**pole'-vault'** **vi.** —**pole'-vault'er** **n.**

**po·lice** (pə lēs') **n.** [Fr: ult. *< Gr polis*, city] 1 the governmental department (of a city, state, etc.) for keeping order, detecting crime, etc. 2 [*with pl. v.*] the members of such a department —**vt.** -liced', -lic'ing 1 to control, protect, etc. with police or a similar force 2 to keep (a military camp, etc.) clean and orderly

**po·lice'man** (-mən) **n., pl.** -men (-mən) a member of a police force —**po·lice'wom'an**, **pl.** -wom'en, **fem.n.**

**police officer** a member of a police force

**police state** a government that seeks to suppress political opposition by means of police

**pol·i·cy**<sup>1</sup> (pāl'ə sē) **n., pl.** -cies [see POLICE] 1 wise management 2 a principle, plan, etc., as of a government

**pol·i·cy**<sup>2</sup> (pāl'ə sē) **n., pl.** -cies [*< Gr apodeixis*, proof] a written insurance contract: in full **insurance policy**

**pol'i·cy·hold'er** **n.** a person to whom an insurance policy is issued

**po·li·o·my·e·li·tis** (pōlē ō mī'ə lit'is) **n.** [*< Gr polios*, gray + MYELITIS] an acute infectious disease caused by viral inflammation of the gray matter of the spinal cord, often resulting in muscular paralysis: also **po'li·o'**

**pol·ish** (pāl'ish) **vt.** [*< L polire*] 1 to smooth and brighten, as by rubbing 2 to refine (manners, style, etc.) —**vi.** to take a polish —**n.** 1 a surface gloss 2 elegance, refinement, etc. 3 a substance used to polish —**polish off** [Inf.] to finish (a meal, job, etc.) completely

**Pol·ish** (pōl'ish) **adj.** of Poland or its people, language, etc. —**n.** the Slavic language of Poland

**po·lite** (pə lit') **adj.** [*< L polire*, to polish] 1 cultured; refined 2 courteous; mannerly —**po·lite'ly** **adv.** —**po·lite'ness** **n.**

**pol·i·tesse** (pāl'i tes') **n.** [Fr] politeness

**pol·i·tic** (pāl'ə tik') **adj.** [see POLICE] 1 having practical wisdom; prudent 2 expedient: said as of a plan —**vi.** -ticked', -tick'ing to campaign in politics



**po·lit·i·cal** (pə lit'i kəl) *adj.* 1 of, concerned with, or engaged in government, politics, etc. 2 of or characteristic of political parties or politicians —**po·lit·i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**politically correct** holding orthodox liberal political views: usually used disparagingly to connote dogmatism, etc. —**political correctness**

**political science** the science of the principles, organization, and methods of government —**political scientist**

**pol·i·ti·cian** (pāl'ə tish'ən) *n.* one actively engaged in politics: often used with implications of seeking personal or partisan gain, scheming, etc.

**po·lit·i·cize** (pə lit'ə siz') *vt.* -cized', -ciz'ing to make political in tone, character, etc.

**po·lit·i·co** (pə lit'ə kō') *n., pl.* -cos' [*<* Sp or It] **POLITICIAN**

**pol·i·tics** (pāl'ə tiks) *pl.n.* [*with sing. or pl. v.*] 1 the science and art of government 2 political affairs 3 political methods, tactics, etc. 4 political opinions, etc. 5 factional scheming for power

**pol'i·ty** (-ə tē) *n., pl.* -ties [*see* **POLICE**] 1 governmental organization 2 a society with a government; state

**Polk** (pōk), James K. 1795-1849; 11th president of the U.S. (1845-49)

**pol·ka** (pōl'kə) *n.* [*Czech, Polish dance*] 1 a fast dance for couples 2 music for this

**pol·ka dot** (pōl'kə, pōl'kə) any of a regular pattern of small, round dots on cloth

**poll** (pōl) *n.* [*ME* *pol*] 1 the head 2 a counting, listing, etc. of persons, esp. of voters 3 the number of votes recorded 4 [*pl.*] a place where votes are cast 5 a canvassing of people's opinions on some question —*vt.* 1 to register the votes of 2 to require each member of (a jury, etc.) to declare individual votes 3 to receive (a specified number of votes) 4 to cast (a vote) 5 to canvass in a **POLL** (sense 5)

**pol·len** (pāl'ən) *n.* [*L, dust*] the fine, dustlike mass of grains in the anthers of seed plants

**pollen count** the number of grains of pollen, esp. of ragweed, in a given volume of air at a specified time and place

**pol·li·nate** (pāl'ə nāt') *vt.* -nat'ed, -nat'ing to transfer pollen to the pistil of (a flower) —**pol'li·na'tion** *n.* —**pol'li·na'tor** *n.*

**pol·li·wog** (pāl'ē wäg', -wôg') *n.* [*<* ME: *see* **POLL** + **WIGGLE**] **TADPOLE**: also **pol'ly·wog**

**poll·ster** (pōl'stər) *n.* one whose work is taking public-opinion polls

**pol·lute** (pə lōt') *vt.* -lut'ed, -lut'ing [*<* *L* *polluere*] to make unclean or impure —**pol·lu'tant** *n.* —**pol·lu'tion** *n.*

**Pol·ly·an·na** (pāl'ē an'ə) *n.* [*after the young heroine of a novel (1913) by E. H. Porter*] an excessively optimistic person

**po·lo** (pō'lō) *n.* [*ult. <* Tibetan *pulu*, ball] a game played on horseback by two teams, using a wooden ball and long-handled mallets

**Po·lo** (pō'lō), Mar·co (mār'kō) 1254-

1324; Venetian traveler in E Asia

**pol·o·naise** (pāl'ə nāz') *n.* [*Fr (fem.), Polish*] a stately Polish dance

**pol·ter·geist** (pōl'tər gīst') *n.* [*Ger <* *poltern*, to rumble + *geist*, ghost] a ghost supposed to be responsible for mysterious noisy disturbances

**pol·troon** (pāl trōn') *n.* [*<* It *poltrone*] a thorough coward

**poly-** [*<* Gr] *combining form* much, many

**pol·y·clin·ic** (pāl'i klin'ik) *n.* [*POLY-* + *CLINIC*] a clinic or hospital for the treatment of various kinds of diseases

**pol·y·es·ter** (pāl'ē es'tər) *n.* [*POLY(MER)* + *ESTER*] a polymeric resin used in making plastics, fibers, etc.

**pol·y·eth·yl·ene** (pāl'ē eth'ə lēn') *n.* [*POLY(MER)* + *ETHYLENE*] a thermoplastic resin used in making plastics, films, etc.

**po·lyg·a·my** (pə lig'ə mē) *n.* [*<* Gr *poly-*, many + *gamos*, marriage] the practice of having two or more spouses at the same time —**po·lyg'a·mist** *n.* —**po·lyg'a·mous** *adj.*

**pol·y·glot** (pāl'i glāt') *adj.* [*<* Gr *poly-*, many + *glōtta*, tongue] 1 knowing several languages 2 written in several languages —*n.* a polyglot person

**pol'y·gon** (-gän') *n.* [*<* Gr: *see* *POLY-* & *-GON*] a closed plane figure consisting of straight lines —**po·lyg·o·nal** (pə lig'ə nəl) *adj.*

**pol'y·graph** (-graf') *n.* [*see* *POLY-* & *-GRAPH*] a device measuring changes in respiration, pulse rate, etc.: *see* **LIE DETECTOR**

**pol'y·he'dron** (-hē'drən) *n.* [*<* Gr: *see* *POLY-* & *-HEDRON*] a solid figure with usually more than six plane surfaces

**pol'y·math** (-ə math') *n.* [*<* Gr *poly-*, much + *manthanein*, learn] a person of great and varied learning

**pol'y·mer** (-mər) *n.* [*Ger <* Gr *poly-*, many + *meros*, part] a substance consisting of giant molecules formed from polymerization —**pol'y·mer'ic** (-mer'ik) *adj.*

**po·lym·er·i·za·tion** (pō lim'ər ə zā'shən) *n.* a chaining together of many simple molecules to form a more complex molecule with different properties —**po·lym'er·ize** (-īz'), -ized', -iz'ing, *vt., vi.*

**Pol·y·ne·sia** (pāl'i nē'zhə) group of Pacific islands, east of Micronesia, including Hawaii, etc. —**Pol'y·ne'sian** *adj., n.*

**pol·y·no·mi·al** (pāl'i nō'mē əl) *n.* [*POLY-* + (*BI*)*NOMIAL*] a mathematical expression containing three or more terms (*Ex:*  $x^3 + 3x + 2$ )

**pol·yp** (pāl'ip) *n.* [*<* Gr *poly-*, many + *pous*, foot] 1 a cnidarian with many small tentacles at the top of a tubelike body 2 a growth of mucous membrane in the bladder, rectum, etc.

**po·lyph·o·ny** (pə lif'ə nē) *n.* [*<* Gr *poly-*, many + *phōnē*, a sound] *Music* a combining of independent, harmonizing melodies, as in a fugue; counterpoint —**pol·y·phon·ic** (pāl'i fən'ik) *adj.* —**pol'y·**



phon'i-cal-ly *adv.*

**pol-y-rhythm** (pāl'i rith'əm) *n.* *Music* 1 the simultaneous use of strongly contrasting rhythms 2 such a rhythm: *usually used in pl.* —**pol'y-rhyth'mic** *adj.*

**pol'y-sty'rene'** (-stī'rēn') *n.* [POLY(MER) + *styrene*, an organic compound] a clear polymer used to make containers, etc.

**pol-y-syl-lab-ic** (pāl'i si lab'ik) *adj.* 1 having four or more syllables 2 characterized by polysyllabic words —**pol'y-syl-la-ble** (-sil'ə bəl) *n.*

**pol'y-tech'nic'** (-tek'nik) *n., adj.* [‹ Gr *poly-*, many + *technē*, art] (school) providing instruction in many scientific and technical subjects

**pol'y-the-ism'** (-thē iz'əm) *n.* [‹ Gr *poly*, many + *theos*, god] belief in more than one god —**pol'y-the-ist** *adj., n.* —**pol'y-the-is'tic** *adj.*

**pol-y-un-sat-u-rat-ed** (pāl'ē un sach'ə rāt'id) *adj.* designating any of certain vegetable and animal fats and oils with a low cholesterol content

**pol'y-u-re-thane'** (-yoor'ə thān') *n.* [POLY- + URETHANE] any of various synthetic polymers, used in cushions, coatings, etc.

**pol-y-vi-nyl** (pāl'i vī'nəl) *adj.* designating or of any of a group of polymerized vinyl compounds

**po-made** (pām ād', pō-) *n.* [‹ It *pomo*, apple (orig. an ingredient)] a perfumed ointment, as for the hair

**pome-gran-ate** (pām'gran'it, pām'ə-) *n.* [ult. < L *pomum*, fruit + *granum*, seed] 1 a round, red fruit with a hard rind and many seeds 2 the bush or tree it grows on

**pom-mel** (pām'əl; *for v.* pum'əl) *n.* [‹ L *pomum*, fruit] 1 the knob on the end of the hilt of some swords and daggers 2 the rounded, upward-projecting part at the front of a saddle —*vt.* -meled or -melled, -mel-ing or -mel-ling PUMMEL

**pomp** (pämp) *n.* [‹ Gr *pompē*, solemn procession] 1 stately display 2 ostentatious show or display

**pom-pa-dour** (pām'pə dōr') *n.* [after Mme. *Pompadour*, mistress of Louis XV] a hairdo in which the hair is brushed up high from the forehead

**pom-pa-no** (pām'pə nō') *n., pl.* -no' or -nos' [‹ Sp] a food fish of North America and the West Indies

**pom-pom** (pām'pām') *n.* [see POMP] an ornamental tuft of silk, etc., used on clothing, etc. or waved as by a cheerleader: also **pom'pon'** (-pān')

**pom-pous** (pām'pəs) *adj.* pretentious; self-important —**pom-pos'i-ty** (-pās'ə tē) *n.*

**pon-cho** (pān'chō) *n., pl.* -chos [AmSp < AmInd, woolen cloth] a cloak like a blanket with a hole in the middle for the head, esp. a waterproof one worn as a raincoat

**pond** (pänd) *n.* [‹ ME *pounde*, enclosure] a body of water smaller than a lake

**pon-der** (pān'dər) *vt., vi.* [‹ L *ponderare*, weigh] to think deeply (about); con-

sider carefully

**pon-der-o-sa** (*pine*) (pān'dər ō'sə) [‹ L *ponderosus*, very heavy] a yellow pine of W North America

**pon'der-ous** *adj.* 1 very heavy 2 unwieldy 3 labored and dull

**pone** (pōn) *n.* [‹ AmInd] [Chiefly South] corn bread in the form of small ovals

**pon-gee** (pān jē', pun-) *n.* [‹ Mandarin Chin dial. *pen-chi*, one's own loom] a soft, thin silk cloth, usually left in its natural light-brown color

**pon-iard** (pān'yārd) *n.* [ult. < L *pugnis*, fist] a dagger

**pon-tiff** (pānt'if) *n.* [‹ L *pontifex*, high priest] 1 a bishop 2 [P-] the pope

**pon-tif-i-cal** (pān tif'i kəl) *adj.* [see prec.] 1 having to do with a bishop, the pope, etc. 2 pompous, dogmatic, etc.

**pon-tif'i-cate** (-i kit; *for v.*, -kāt') *n.* the office or term of a pontiff —*vi.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing 1 to officiate as a pontiff 2 to be pompous or dogmatic

**pon-toon** (pān tōon') *n.* [‹ L *pons*, a bridge] 1 a flat-bottomed boat 2 any of a row of boats or floating objects used to support a temporary bridge 3 a float on an aircraft's landing gear

**po-ny** (pō'nē) *n., pl.* -nies [prob. < L *pulus*, foal] 1 a horse of any small breed 2 a small liqueur glass 3 [Inf.] a literal translation of a foreign work, used in doing schoolwork

**po'ny-tail'** *n.* a hair style in which the hair is tied tightly at the back and hangs down

**pooch** (pōoch) *n.* [‹ ?] [Slang] a dog

**poo-dle** (pōod'l) *n.* [Ger *pudel*] a dog with a thick, wiry coat of tight curls in a solid color

**pooh** (pōo) *interj.* used to express disdain, disbelief, or impatience

**pooh-pooh** (pōo'pōo') *vt.* to treat disdainfully; make light of

**pool**<sup>1</sup> (pōol) *n.* [OE *pol*] 1 a small pond 2 a small collection of liquid, as a puddle 3 a tank for swimming

**pool**<sup>2</sup> (pōol) *n.* [‹ LL *pulla*, hen] 1 a game related to billiards, played on a table with six pockets 2 a combination of resources, funds, supplies, etc. for some common purpose 3 the parties forming such a combination —*vt., vi.* to contribute to a common fund

**poop**<sup>1</sup> (pōop) *n.* [‹ L *puppis*, stern of a ship] a raised deck at the stern of a sailing ship: also **poop deck**

**poop**<sup>2</sup> (pōop) *vt.* [Slang] to tire

**poop**<sup>3</sup> (pōop) *n.* [Slang] current inside information

**poor** (poor) *adj.* [‹ L *pauper*, poor] 1 having little or no means to support oneself; needy 2 lacking in some quality; specif., a) inadequate b) inferior or worthless c) contemptible 3 worthy of pity; unfortunate —**the poor** poor, or needy, people —**poor'ly** *adv.*

**poor'house'** *n.* [Historical] a publicly supported institution for paupers

**poor'-mouth'** *vi.* [Inf.] to complain about one's lack of money

**pop**<sup>1</sup> (päp) *n.* [echoic] 1 a sudden, light explosive sound 2 any carbonated, nonalcoholic beverage —*vi.* **popped**,



**pop'ping** 1 to make, or burst with, a pop 2 to move, go, etc. suddenly 3 to open wide or bulge: said of the eyes 4 *Baseball* to hit the ball high into the infield —**vt.** 1 to cause to pop, as corn by heating it 2 to put suddenly [to pop one's head in] 3 [Slang] to swallow (a pill, etc.) —**pop'per** *n.*

**pop**<sup>2</sup> (päp) *n.* [**<** PAPA] [Inf.] FATHER

**pop**<sup>3</sup> (päp) *adj.* 1 of music popular with the general public 2 intended for the popular taste, esp. as exploited commercially [*pop culture*] 3 of a realistic art style using techniques and subjects adapted from commercial art, comic strips, posters, etc. —*n.* pop music, etc.

**pop** *abbrev.* 1 popular 2 popularly 3 population

**pop'corn'** *n.* 1 a variety of corn with hard grains that pop open into a white, puffy mass when heated 2 the popped grains

**pope** (pöp) *n.* [**<** Gr *pappas*, father] [often P-] *R.C.Ch.* the bishop of Rome and head of the Church

**Pope** (pöp), **Alexander** 1688-1744; Eng. poet

**pop'gun'** *n.* a toy gun that shoots a piece of cork, etc. by air compression, with a pop

**pop-in-jay** (päp'in jä') *n.* [**<** Ar *babghō*, a parrot] a conceited person

**pop-lar** (päp'lär) *n.* [**<** L *populus*] 1 a tall tree of the willow family having soft wood 2 its wood

**pop-lin** (päp'lin) *n.* [prob. after *Poperinge*, city in Flanders] a sturdy ribbed fabric of cotton, silk, etc.

**pop'o'ver** *n.* a very light, puffy, hollow muffin

**pop-py** (päp'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -pies [**<** L *papaver*] 1 a plant with a milky juice and variously colored flowers 2 its flower

**pop'py-cock'** (-käk') *n.* [Inf.] foolish talk; nonsense

**poppy seed** the small, dark seed of the poppy, used in baking, etc.

**pops** (päps) *adj.* of a symphony orchestra that plays light classical music or arrangements of popular music —*n.* a pops orchestra, concert, etc.

**Pop-sicle** (päp'si kəl) [blend of POP<sup>1</sup> + I(CICLE)] *trademark* for a flavored ice frozen around a stick —*n.* [also p-] such a confection

**pop-top** (päp'täp') *n.* a container with a tab or ring pulled or pushed to make an opening in the top

**pop-u-lace** (päp'yə lis) *n.* [**<** L *populus*] 1 the common people; the masses 2 POPULATION (sense 1a)

**pop-u-lar** (päp'yə lər) *adj.* [**<** L *populus*, the people] 1 of, carried on by, or intended for people generally 2 not expensive [*popular prices*] 3 commonly accepted; prevalent 4 liked by many people —**pop'u-lar'i-ty** (-lar'ə tē) *n.* —**pop'u-lar-ly** *adv.*

**pop-u-lar-ize** (päp'yə lə rīz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to make popular —**pop'u-lar-i-za'tion** *n.*

**pop'u-late'** (-lāt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [**<** L *populus*, the people] 1 to inhabit 2

to supply with inhabitants

**pop'u-la'tion** *n.* 1 a) all the people in a country, region, etc. b) the number of these 2 a populating or being populated

**population explosion** the great and rapid increase in human population in modern times

**pop-u-list** (päp'yə list) *n.* a politician, etc. who claims to represent the common people: often used to suggest demagoguery —*adj.* of a populist —**pop'u-lism'** *n.*

**pop'u-lous** (-ləs) *adj.* full of people; thickly populated

**por-ce-lain** (pôr'sə lin) *n.* [**<** It *porcellana*] a hard, white, translucent variety of ceramic ware

**porch** (pôrch) *n.* [**<** L *porta*, gate] 1 a covered entrance to a building 2 an open or enclosed gallery or room on the outside of a building

**por-cine** (pôr'sin', -sin) *adj.* [**<** L *porcus*, hog] of or like pigs or hogs

**por-cu-pine** (pôr'kyə pīn') *n.* [**<** L *porcus*, pig + *spina*, spine] a rodent having coarse hair mixed with long, stiff, sharp spines

**pore**<sup>1</sup> (pôr) *vi.* **pored**, **por'ing** [ME *poren*] 1 to study carefully: with over 2 to ponder: with over

**pore**<sup>2</sup> (pôr) *n.* [**<** Gr *poros*, passage] a tiny opening, as in skin or plant leaves, for absorbing or discharging fluids

**pork** (pôr) *n.* [**<** L *porcus*, pig] the flesh of a pig, used as food

**pork barrel** [Inf.] government appropriations for political patronage

**pork'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 of or like pork 2 fat 3 [Slang] saucy, cocky, etc.

**porn** (pôrn) *n.*, *adj.* [Slang] *short for* PORNOGRAPHY, PORNOGRAPHIC: also **por-no** (pôr'nō)

**por-nog-ra-phy** (pôr năg'rə fē) *n.* [**<** Gr *pornē*, a prostitute + *graphein*, write] writings, pictures, etc. intended to arouse sexual desire —**por-nog-ra-pher** *n.* —**por-no-graph'ic** (-nə graf'ik) *adj.*

**po-rous** (pôr'əs) *adj.* full of pores, through which fluids, air, or light may pass —**po-ros-i-ty** (pō rās'ə tē) *n.*

**por-phy-ry** (pôr'fə rē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries [**<** Gr *porphyros*, purple] any igneous rock with large, distinct crystals

**por-poise** (pôr'pəs) *n.* [**<** L *porcus*, pig + *piscis*, a fish] 1 a small whale with a blunt snout 2 a dolphin

**por-ridge** (pôr'ij) *n.* [**<** POTTAGE by confusion with VL *porrata*, leek broth] [Chiefly Brit.] a soft food of cereal or meal boiled in water or milk

**por'rin-ger** (-in jər) *n.* [**<** Fr *potager*, soup dish: infl. by prec.] a small, shallow bowl

**port**<sup>1</sup> (pôrt) *n.* [**<** L *portus*, haven] 1 a harbor 2 a city with a harbor where ships load and unload cargo

**port**<sup>2</sup> (pôrt) *n.* [after *Oporto*, city in Portugal] a sweet, dark-red wine

**port**<sup>3</sup> (pôrt) *vt.* [**<** L *portare*, carry] to hold (a rifle, etc.) diagonally in front of one, as for inspection



**port**<sup>4</sup> (pôrt) *n.* [**< PORT**<sup>1</sup>] the left side of a ship, etc. as one faces forward —*adj.* of or on this side

**port**<sup>5</sup> (pôrt) *n.* [**< L porta**, door] 1 PORT-HOLE 2 an opening, as in a valve face, for the passage of steam, etc. 3 *Comput.* the circuit, outlet, etc. which connects a computer and its peripheral

**Port** *abbrev.* 1 Portugal 2 Portuguese

**port-a-ble** (pôr'tə bəl) *adj.* [**< L portare**, carry] 1 that can be carried 2 easily carried —*n.* something portable — **port-a-bil'i-ty** *n.*

**por-tage** (pôr'tij, pôr tăzh') *n.* [**< L portare**, carry] 1 a carrying of boats and supplies overland between navigable lakes, rivers, etc. 2 any route over which this is done —*vt., vi.* -taged, -tag-ing to carry (boats, etc.) over a portage

**por-tal** (pôr't'l) *n.* [**< L porta**, door] a doorway, gate, or entrance

**port-cul-lis** (pôrt kul'is) *n.* [**< MFr porte**, gate + *coleice*, sliding] a heavy iron grating lowered to bar the gateway of a castle or fortified town

**por-tend** (pôr tend') *vt.* [**< L por-**, forth + *tendere*, to stretch] 1 to be an omen of; presage 2 to signify

**por-tent** (pôr'tent') *n.* 1 something that portends an event 2 significance

**por-ten-tous** (pôr ten'təs) *adj.* 1 portending evil; ominous 2 amazing 3 pompous; self-important —**por-ten'tous-ly** *adv.*

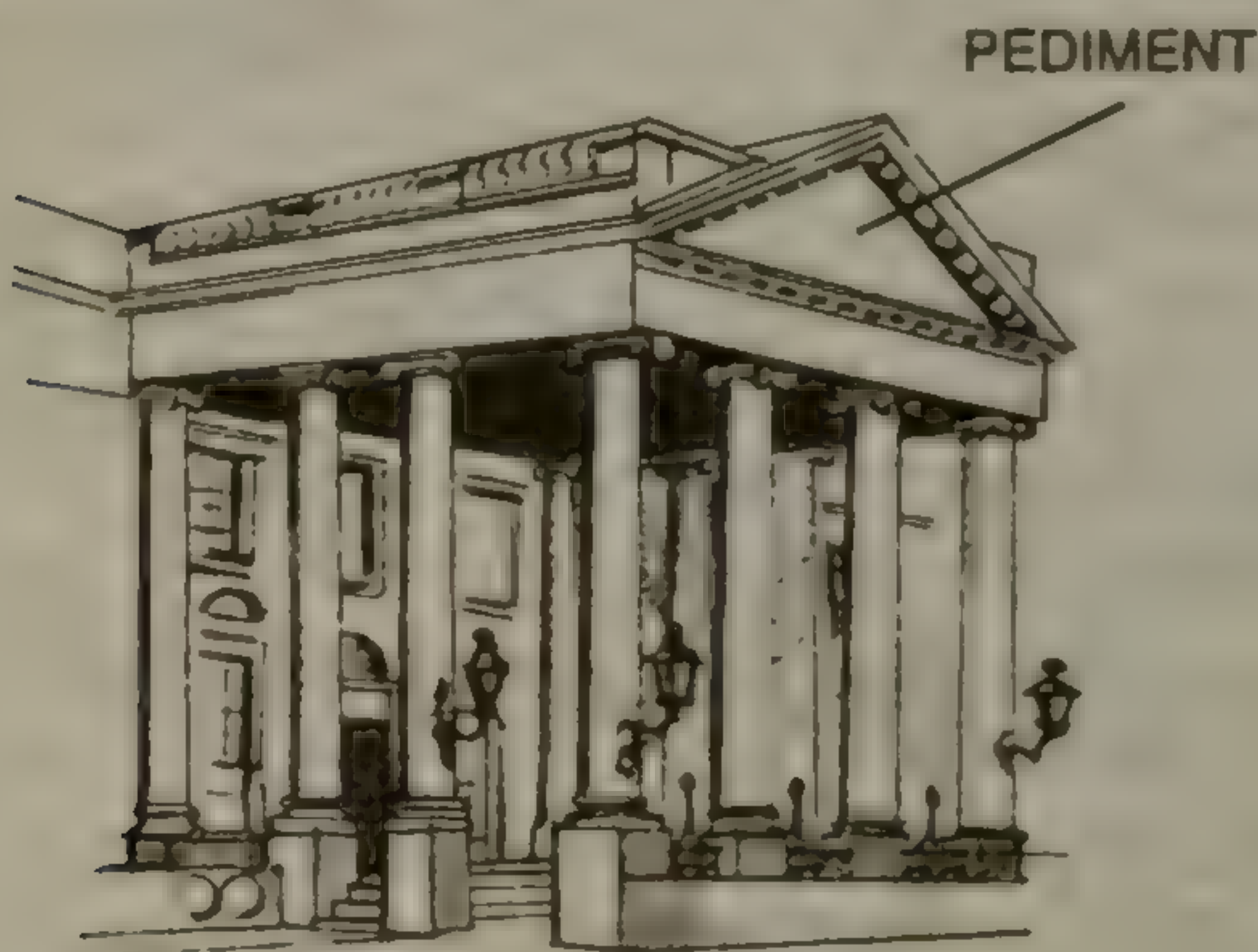
**por-ter**<sup>1</sup> (pôr'tər) *n.* [**< L porta**, gate] a doorman or gatekeeper

**por-ter**<sup>2</sup> (pôr'tər) *n.* [**< L portare**, carry] 1 one who carries luggage, etc. for hire 2 an employee who sweeps, cleans, etc. in a bank, store, etc. 3 a railroad attendant for passengers as on a sleeper 4 a dark-brown-beer

**por'ter-house'** *n.* [*orig.* a tavern: see **PORTER**<sup>2</sup>, sense 4] a choice cut of beef next to the sirloin: in full **porterhouse steak**

**port-fo-li-o** (pôrt fō'lē ō') *n., pl. -li-os'* [**< L portare**, carry + *folium*, leaf] 1 a flat, portable case, for loose papers; briefcase 2 the office of a minister of state 3 a list of an investor's securities 4 a selection from an artist's, etc. work

**port-hole** (pôrt'hôl') *n.* an opening in a ship's side to admit light and air



PORTICO

**por-ti-co** (pôr'ti kō') *n., pl. -coes' or -cos'* [**< L porticus**, porch] a porch or covered walk, consisting of a roof supported by

columns.

**por-tiere** or **por-tière** (pôr tyer') *n.* [**< Fr < porte**, door] a curtain hung in a doorway

**por'tion** (-shan) *n.* [**< L portio**] 1 a part, esp. that allotted to a person; share 2 one's fate 3 a helping of food —*vt.* to give out in portions

**Port-land** (pôrt'lənd) city & port in NW Oregon: pop. 439,000

**port-ly** (pôrt'lē) *adj. -li-er, -li-est* 1 large and stately 2 stout; corpulent —**port'li-ness** *n.*

**port-man-teau** (pôrt man'tō) *n., pl. -teaus or -teaux* (-tōz) [**< Fr porter**, carry + *manteau*, cloak] a stiff suitcase that opens into two compartments

**portmanteau word** a word that is a combination of two other words (Ex.: *smog*, from *smoke* and *fog*)

**por-to-bel-lo mushroom** (pôr'tə bel'ō) a dark, flavorful mushroom with a broad cap: also **portobello** *n., pl. -los*

**port of entry** a place where customs officials check people and goods entering a country

**Por-to Ri-co** (pôr'tə rē'kō) *former var. of PUERTO RICO* —**Por'to Ri-can**

**por-trait** (pôr'trit, -trāt') *n.* [**< POR-TRAY**] 1 a painting, photograph, etc. of a person, esp. of the face 2 a description, portrayal, etc.

**por'trai-ture** (-tri chər) *n.* the practice or art of portraying

**por-tray** (pôr trā') *vt.* [**< L pro-**, forth + *trahere*, draw] 1 to make a portrait of 2 to describe graphically 3 to play the part of as in a play or movie —**por-tray'al** *n.*

**Por-tu-gal** (pôr'chə gəl) country in SW Europe, on the Atlantic: 35,456 sq. mi.; pop. 9,863,000

**Por-tu-guese** (pôr'chə gēz', -gēs') *adj.* of Portugal or its people, language, etc. — *n.* 1 *pl. -guese'* a person born or living in Portugal 2 a Romance language of Portugal and Brazil

**por-tu-lac-a** (pôr'chə lak'ə) *n.* [**< L portula**, small door: from the opening in its seed capsule] a fleshy plant with yellow, pink, or purple flowers

**pose** (pōz) *vt. posed, pos'ing* [**< L pausare**, to stop] 1 to propose (a question, etc.) 2 to put (a model, etc.) in a certain attitude —*vi.* 1 to assume a certain attitude, as in modeling for an artist 2 to strike attitudes for effect 3 set oneself up (as) [to pose as an officer] —*n.* 1 a bodily attitude, esp. one held for an artist, etc. 2 a way of behaving assumed for effect

**Po-sei-don** (pō sī'dən) *n.* the Greek god of the sea

**pos-er** (pō'zər) *n.* one who poses; esp., a poseur

**po-seur** (pō zər') *n.* [**< Fr**] one who assumes attitudes or manners merely for effect

**posh** (päsh) *adj.* [**< ?**] [*Inf.*] luxurious and fashionable

**pos-it** (päz'it) *vt.* [**< fol.**] to suppose to be a fact; postulate

**po-si-tion** (pə zish'ən) *n.* [**< L ponere**, to place] 1 the way in which a person or



thing is placed or arranged 2 one's attitude or opinion 3 the place where one is; location 4 the usual or proper place 5 rank, esp. high rank 6 a post of employment; job —*vt.* to put into a certain position

**pos-i-tive** (pāz'ə tiv) *adj.* [see prec.] 1 definitely set; explicit [*positive instructions*] 2 *a*) having the mind set; confident *b*) overconfident or dogmatic 3 showing agreement; affirmative 4 constructive [*positive criticism*] 5 regarded as having real existence [*a positive good*] 6 based on facts [*positive proof*] 7 *Elec.* *a*) of the kind of electricity predominating in a glass body after it has been rubbed with silk *b*) charged with positive electricity *c*) having a deficiency of electrons 8 *Gram.* of an adjective or adverb in its uncomparative degree 9 *Math.* greater than zero 10 *Med.* showing the presence of a condition, infection, etc. 11 *Photog.* with the light and shade corresponding to those of the subject —*n.* 1 something positive, as a degree, quality, quantity, photographic print, etc. 2 the plate in a battery having an excess of electrons flowing out toward the negative —**pos'i-tive-ly** *adv.*

**pos'i-tron'** (-trān') *n.* [POSI(TIVE) + (ELEC)TRON] the positive antiparticle of an electron, having the same mass and magnitude of charge

**poss** *abbrev.* 1 possessive 2 possibly

**pos-se** (pās'ē) *n.* [ < L, be able] [Historical] a band of men, usually armed, summoned to assist the sheriff in keeping the peace, etc.

**pos-sess** (pə zes') *vt.* [ < L *possidere*] 1 to have as belonging to one; own 2 to have as an attribute, quality, etc. 3 to gain control over [*possessed by an idea*] —**pos-ses'sor** *n.*

**pos-sessed'** *adj.* 1 owned 2 controlled, as if by a demon; crazed

**pos-ses'sion** (-zesh'ən) *n.* 1 a possessing or being possessed 2 anything possessed 3 [*pl.*] property 4 territory ruled by an outside country

**pos-ses'sive** (-zes'iv) *adj.* 1 of possession 2 showing or desiring possession, domination, control, influence, etc. 3 *Gram.* designating or of a case, form, or construction expressing possession (Ex: *my, Bill's*) —*n. Gram.* 1 the possessive case 2 a word or phrase in this case —**pos-ses'sive-ness** *n.*

**pos-si-ble** (pās'ə bəl) *adj.* [ < L *posse*, be able] 1 that can be or exist 2 that may or may not happen 3 that can be done, selected, etc. 4 permissible —**pos'si-bil'i-ty** (-bil'ə tē), *pl.* -ties, *n.*

**pos'si-bly** (-blē) *adv.* 1 by any possible means 2 perhaps; maybe

**pos-sum** (pās'əm) *n.* [Inf.] OPOSSUM —play possum to pretend to be asleep, dead, ill, etc.

**post**<sup>1</sup> (pōst) *n.* [ < L *postis*] 1 a piece of wood, metal, etc. set upright to support a building, sign, etc. 2 the starting point of a horse race —*vt.* 1 to put up (a poster, etc.) on (a wall, etc.) 2 to announce by posting notices [*to post a reward*] 3 to warn against trespassing on by posted notices 4 to put (a name) on a posted or published list

**post**<sup>2</sup> (pōst) *n.* [ < Fr < It *posto*] 1 the place where a soldier, guard, etc. is stationed 2 a place where troops are garrisoned 3 the place assigned to one 4 a job or duty —*vt.* 1 to assign to a post 2 to put up (a bond, etc.)

**post**<sup>3</sup> (pōst) *n.* [ < Fr < It *posta*] [Chiefly Brit.] (the) mail —*vi.* to travel fast; hasten —*vt.* 1 [Chiefly Brit.] to mail 2 to inform [*keep me posted*]

**post-** [L < *post*, after] *prefix* 1 after in time, later (than) [*postnatal*] 2 after in space, behind

**post-age** (pōs'tij) *n.* the amount charged for mailing a letter, etc., esp. as represented by stamps

**post-al** (pōs'təl) *adj.* [Fr] of mail or post offices

**post-bel-lum** (pōst bel'əm) *adj.* [L] after the war; specif., after the American Civil War

**post'card'** *n.* a card, usually with a picture on one side, for sending short messages by mail

**post'date'** *vt.* -dat'ed, -dat'ing 1 to assign a later date to than the actual date 2 to be subsequent to

**post-er** (pōs'tər) *n.* a large advertisement or notice posted publicly

**pos-te-ri-or** (pās tir'ē ər) *adj.* [L < *post*, after] 1 later; following 2 at the rear; behind —*n.* the buttocks

**pos-ter-i-ty** (pās ter'ə tē) *n.* [see prec.] 1 all of a person's descendants 2 all succeeding generations

**post'grad'u-ate** *adj.* of or taking a course of study after graduation, esp. after receipt of the bachelor's degree

**post'haste'** *adv.* with great haste

**post'hole'** *n.* a hole dug to hold the end of an upright post

**post-hu-mous** (pās'choo mäs, -tyoo-) *adj.* [ < L *postumus*, last] 1 published after the author's death 2 arising or continuing after one's death —**post'hu-mous-ly** *adv.*

**post'hyp-not'ic** *adj.* in the time after a hypnotic trance [*posthypnotic suggestion*]

**pos-til-ion** or **pos-til-lion** (pōs til'yən, pās-) *n.* [Fr < It *posta*, a post] one who rides the leading left-hand horse of a team drawing a carriage

**post'in-dus'tri-al** *adj.* of a society in which the economy has shifted from heavy industry to service industries, technology, etc.

**Post-it'** *trademark* for small sheets of adhesive-backed paper for attaching notes —*n.* a sheet of this

**post-lude** (pōst'lōd') *n.* [POST- + (PRE)LUDE] a concluding musical piece

**post'man** (-mən) *n. pl.* -men (-mən) MAIL CARRIER

**post'mark'** *n.* a post-office mark stamped on mail, canceling the postage stamp and recording the date and place —*vt.* to stamp with a postmark

**post'mas'ter** *n.* the manager of a post office

**postmaster general** *pl.* postmasters general the head of a government's



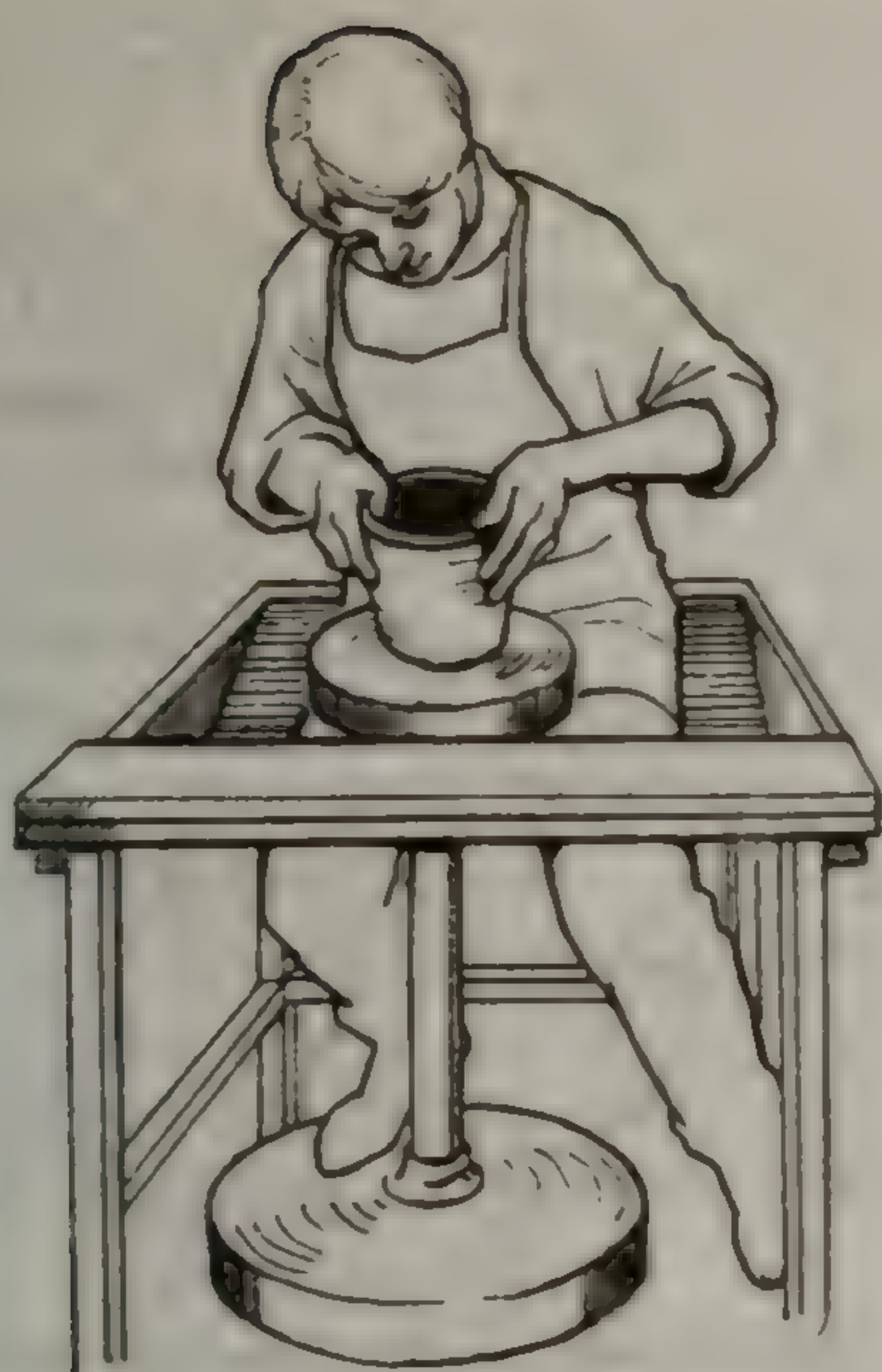
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**post'me-rid'i-an** (-mə rid'ē ən) *adj.* [L] after noon**post me-ri-di-em** (mə rid'ē əm) [L] after noon: abbrev. *P.M.*, *p.m.*, *PM*, or *pm***post'mod'ern-ism'** *n.* an eclectic cultural and artistic trend in art; etc. of the late 20th c. — **post'mod'ern** *adj.* — **post'mod'ern-ist** *adj.*, *n.***post-mor-tem** (pōst'môr'təm) *adj.* [L] 1 after death 2 of a post-mortem — *n.* 1 AUTOPSY 2 an evaluation of some event just ended**post-na-sal drip** (pōst'nā'zəl) a discharge of mucus from behind the nose onto the pharynx, due to a cold, allergy, etc.**post'na'tal** (-nāt'l) *adj.* after birth**post office** 1 the governmental department in charge of the mail 2 a place where mail is sorted, postage stamps are sold, etc.**post'op'er-a-tive** (-äp'ər ə tiv) *adj.* occurring after a surgical operation**post'paid'** *adj.* with postage prepaid**post'par'tum** (-pär'təm) *adj.* [L < *post-*, after + *parere*, to bear] of the time after childbirth**post-pone** (pōst pōn') *vt.* -poned', -pon'ing [L < *post-*, after + *ponere*, put] to put off until later; delay — **post-pone'ment** *n.***post'script'** *n.* [L < *post-*, after + *scribere*, write] a note added below the signature in a letter**post time** the scheduled starting time of a horse race**pos-tu-late** (päs'chə lāt'; *for n.*, -lit) *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [L < *postulare*, to demand] to assume to be true, real, etc., esp. as a basis for argument — *n.* something postulated**pos-ture** (päs'chər) *n.* [MFr < L *ponere*, to place] 1 the position or carriage of the body 2 a position assumed as in posing 3 an official stand or position [our national posture] — *vi.* to pose or assume an attitude merely for effect**post'war'** *adj.* after the (or a) war**po-sy** (pō'zē) *n.*, *pl.* -sies [L < *POESY*] [Old-fashioned] a flower or bouquet**pot<sup>1</sup>** (pät) *n.* [OE *pott*] 1 a round vessel for holding liquids, for cooking, etc. 2 a pot with its contents 3 [Inf.] all the money bet at a single time — *vt.* pot'ted, pot'ting to put into a pot — **go to pot** to go to ruin — **pot'ful'**, *pl.* -fuls', *n.***pot<sup>2</sup>** (pät) *n.* [L < AmSp *potiguaya*] [Slang] MARIJUANA**po-ta-ble** (pöt'ə bəl) *adj.* [L < *potare*, to drink] drinkable. — *n.* a beverage — **po'ta-bil'i-ty** *n.***pot'ash'** *n.* [L < Du *pot*, POT<sup>1</sup> + *asch*, ASH<sup>1</sup>] any of various potassium compounds

used in fertilizers, soaps, etc.

**po-tas-si-um** (pə tas'ē əm) *n.* [see prec.] a soft, silver-white, metallic chemical element**po-ta-to** (pə tāt'ō) *n.*, *pl.* -toes [L < WInd] 1 the starchy tuber of a widely cultivated plant, eaten as a cooked vegetable 2 this plant**potato chip** a very thin slice of potato fried crisp and then salted**pot'bel'lied** *adj.* 1 having a potbelly 2 having bulging sides [a *potbellied* stove]**pot'bel'ly** *n.*, *pl.* -lies' a protruding belly**pot'boil'er** *n.* a piece of writing, etc., done quickly and for money only**pot'-bound'** *adj.* having outgrown its container: said of a potted plant**po-tent** (pöt''nt) *adj.* [L < *posse*, be able] 1 having authority or power 2 convincing; cogent 3 effective, as a drug 4 able to have sexual intercourse: said of a male — **po'ten-cy** *n.***po-ten-tate** (pöt''n tāt') *n.* a person having great power; ruler; monarch**po-ten-tial** (pō ten'shəl) *adj.* [see POTENT] that can come into being; possible; latent — *n.* 1 something potential 2 the difference in voltage between two points in an electric circuit or field — **po-ten'ti-al'i-ty** (-shē al'ə tē), *pl.* -ties, *n.* — **po-ten'tial-ly** *adv.***pot'herb'** *n.* any herb whose leaves and stems are boiled and eaten or used as a flavoring**pot'hold'er** *n.* a small pad, or piece of thick cloth, for handling hot pots, etc.**pot'hole'** *n.* 1 a deep hole or pit 2 CHUCKHOLE**pot'hook'** *n.* an S-shaped hook for hanging a pot over a fire**po-tion** (pō'shən) *n.* [L < *potare*, to drink] a drink as of medicine, poison, or a supposedly magic substance**pot'luck'** *n.* 1 whatever the family meal happens to be [to take *potluck*] 2 a dinner to which everyone brings a dish to share: in full **potluck dinner****Po-to-mac** (pə tō'mək) river in the E U.S., flowing into Chesapeake Bay**pot'pie'** *n.* a meat pie made in a deep dish**pot-pour-ri** (pō'poo rē', pät'poo rē') *n.* [Fr < *pot*, a pot + *pourrir*, to rot] 1 a mixture of dried flowers, spices, etc., kept for its fragrance 2 a medley or miscellany; mixture**pot roast** a large cut of beef cooked in one piece by braising**pot-sherd** (pät'shərd') *n.* [see POT<sup>1</sup> & SHARD] a piece of broken pottery**pot'shot'** *n.* 1 an easy or random shot 2 a haphazard try 3 a random attack**pot-tage** (pät'ij) *n.* [L < earlier Fr *pot*, a pot] a kind of thick soup or stew**pot'ter** *n.* one who makes earthenware pots, dishes, etc.**potter's field** a burial ground for paupers or unknown persons





POTTER'S WHEEL

**potter's wheel** a rotating disk upon which clay is molded into bowls, etc.

**pot'ter-y** *n.*, *pl.* -ies 1 a potter's workshop 2 the art of a potter; ceramics 3 pots, dishes, etc. made of clay hardened by heat

**pot·ty** (pät'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties 1 a small pot used as a toilet for a child 2 a child's chair for toilet training with such a pot: in full **potty chair** 3 a toilet: a child's word

**pouch** (pouch) *n.* [*< earlier Fr poche*] 1 a small bag or sack [a tobacco *pouch*] 2 a mailbag 3 a saclike structure, as that on the abdomen of the kangaroo, etc. for carrying young —*vi.* to form a pouch

**poul·tice** (pōl'tis) *n.* [*< ML pultes, pap*] a hot, soft, moist mass applied to a sore part of the body —*vt.* -ticed, -tic-ing to apply a poultice to

**poul·try** (pōl'trē) *n.* [*< L pullus, chicken*] domestic fowls; chickens, ducks, etc.

**pounce** (pouns) *n.* [*ME pounce, talon*] a pouncing —*vi.* pounced, pounc'ing to swoop down or leap (on, upon, or at) in, or as in, seizing

**pound**<sup>1</sup> (pound) *n.*, *pl.* pounds; sometimes, after a number, **pound** [*< L pondus, weight*] 1 a unit of weight equal to 16 oz. avoirdupois or 12 oz. troy: abbrev. *lb.* 2 the monetary unit of the United Kingdom: symbol, £ 3 the monetary unit of various other countries, as Egypt and Syria

**pound**<sup>2</sup> (pound) *vt.* [*OE punian*] 1 to beat to a pulp, powder, etc. 2 to hit hard —*vi.* 1 to deliver repeated, heavy blows (at or on) 2 to move with heavy steps 3 to throb

**pound**<sup>3</sup> (pound) *n.* [*< OE pund-*] a municipal enclosure for stray animals [a dog *pound*]

**pound'cake'** *n.* a rich cake made (orig. with a pound each) of flour, butter, sugar, etc.

**pound sign** a symbol (#) on a button on a telephone keypad

**pour** (pôr) *vt.* [*ME pouren*] 1 to cause to flow in a continuous stream 2 to emit, utter, etc. profusely or steadily —*vi.* 1 to flow freely, continuously, etc. 2 to rain heavily

**pout** (pout) *vi.* [*ME pouten*] 1 to thrust out the lips, as in sullenness 2 to sulk —*n.* the act of pouting —**pout'er** *n.*

**pov·er·ty** (päv'ər tē) *n.* [*< L pauper, poor*] 1 the condition or quality of being poor; need 2 deficiency; inadequacy 3 scarcity

**pov'er·ty-strick'en** *adj.* very poor

**POW** *n.*, *pl.* POW's prisoner of war

**pow·der** (pou'dər) *n.* [*< L pulvis, dust*] 1 any dry substance in the form of fine, dustlike particles, produced by crushing, grinding, etc. 2 a specific kind of powder [bath *powder*] —*vt.* 1 to sprinkle, etc. with powder 2 to make into powder —**pow'der-y** *adj.*

**powder keg** 1 a keg for gunpowder 2 a potential source of violence, war, etc.

**powder room** a lavatory for women

**pow·er** (pou'ər) *n.* [*ult. < L posse, be able*] 1 ability to do or act 2 vigor; force; strength 3 a) authority; influence b) legal authority 4 physical force or energy [electric *power*] 5 a person or thing having great influence, force, or authority 6 a nation with influence over other nations 7 the product of the multiplication of a quantity by itself 8 the degree of magnification of a lens —*vt.* to supply with a source of power —*adj.* 1 operated by electricity, a fuel engine, etc. [power tools] 2 served by an auxiliary system that reduces effort [power steering] 3 carrying electricity

**pow'er·ful** *adj.* strong, mighty, influential, etc. —**pow'er·ful·ly** *adv.*

**pow'er·house'** *n.* 1 a building where electric power is generated 2 [Inf.] a powerful person, team, etc.

**pow·er·less** (pou'ər lis) *adj.* without power; weak, unable, etc. —**pow'er·less·ly** *adv.*

**power of attorney** written legal authority for one person to act for another

**pow'er·train'** *n.* DRIVETRAIN

**pow·wow** (pou'wou') *n.* [*< AmInd*] 1 a conference of or with North American Indians 2 [Inf.] any conference

**pox** (päks) *n.* [*for pocks: see POCK*] 1 a disease characterized by skin eruptions, as smallpox 2 syphilis: with *the*

**pp** *abbrev.* 1 pages 2 parcel post 3 past participle 4 postpaid 5 prepaid Also, for 4 & 5, **ppd**

**PP** *abbrev.* parcel post

**PPO** *n.*, *pl.* PPO's [*p(referred) p(rovider) o(rganization)*] a healthcare system having certain hospitals, doctors, etc. under contract at a reduced cost

**ppr** *abbrev.* present participle

**P.P.S.**, **p.p.s.**, **PPS**, or **pps** *abbrev.* [*L post postscriptum*] an additional postscript

**pr** *abbrev.* 1 pair(s) 2 price

**Pr** *abbrev.* Provençal

**PR** or **P.R.** *abbrev.* 1 public relations 2 Puerto Rico

**prac·ti·ca·ble** (prak'ti kə bəl) *adj.* 1 that can be put into practice; feasible 2 that can be used; useful —**prac'ti·ca·**



**bil'i-ty** *n.* —**prac'ti-ca-bly** *adv.*

**prac-ti-cal** (prak'ti kəl) *adj.* 1 of or obtained through practice or action 2 useful 3 concerned with the application of knowledge to useful ends [*practical science*] 4 dealing realistically and sensibly with everyday matters 5 that is so in practice, if not in theory, law, etc. —**prac'ti-cal'i-ty** (-kal'ə tē), *pl. -ties, n.*

**practical joke** a trick played on someone in fun —**practical joker**

**prac-ti-cal-ly** (prak'tik lē, -tik ə lē) *adv.* 1 in a practical manner 2 from a practical viewpoint 3 in effect; virtually 4 [Inf.] nearly

**practical nurse** a nurse with less training than a registered nurse, often one licensed by a U.S. state (**licensed practical nurse**) for specified duties

**prac-tice** (prak'tis) *vt. -ticed, -tic-ing* [*< Gr prassein, do*] 1 to do or engage in frequently; make a habit of 2 to do repeatedly so as to become proficient 3 to work at, esp. as a profession —*vi.* to do something repeatedly so as to become proficient; drill Chiefly Brit. sp. **prac'tise** —*n.* 1 a practicing; habit, custom, etc. 2 a) repeated action to acquire proficiency b) proficiency so acquired 3 the actual doing of something 4 a) the exercise of a profession b) a business based on this

**prac'ticed** *adj.* experienced; skilled

**prac-ti-cum** (prak'ti kəm) *n.* [*see PRACTICE*] a course involving activities emphasizing the practical application of theory, as on-the-job experience in a field of study

**prac-ti-tion-er** (prak tish'ə nər) *n.* one who practices a profession

**Prae-to-ri-an** (prē tōr'ē ən) *adj.* [*< L praetor, magistrāte*] of or belonging to the bodyguard (**Praetorian Guard**) of a Roman emperor

**prag-mat-ic** (prag mat'ik) *adj.* [*< Gr pragma, thing done*] 1 practical 2 testing the validity of all concepts by their practical results —**prag-mat'i-cal-ly** *adv.* —**prag'ma-tism'** (-mə tiz'əm) *n.* —**prag'ma-tist** *n.*

**Prague** (präg) capital of the Czech Republic: pop. 1,217,000

**prai-rie** (prer'ē) *n.* [*Fr < L pratum, meadow*] a large area of level or rolling, grassy land

**prairie dog** a small, burrowing rodent of North America

**prairie schooner** a box-shaped covered wagon

**praise** (prāz) *vt.* praised, prais'ing [*< L pretium, worth, price*] 1 to express approval or admiration of 2 to glorify (God, etc.), as in song —*n.* a praising or being praised; commendation

**praise'wor'thy** *adj.* worthy of praise —**praise'wor'thi-ly** *adv.* —**praise'wor'thi-ness** *n.*

**pra-line** (prā'lēn', prā'-) *n.* [*Fr*] any of various soft or crisp candies made of nuts, sugar, etc.

**prance** (prans) *vi.* pranced, pranc'ing [*< ?*] 1 to rise up, or move along, on the

hind legs, as a horse does 2 to caper or strut —*n.* a prancing —**pranc'er** *n.* —**pranc'ing-ly** *adv.*

**prank** (prank) *n.* [*< ?*] a mischievous trick —**prank'ster** *n.*

**prate** (prāt) *vi., vt.* prat'ed, prat'ing [*< MDu praten*] to talk much and foolishly; chatter

**prat-tle** (prat'l) *vi., vt. -tled, -tling* [*LowG praten*] to prate or babble —*n.* chatter or babble

**prawn** (prôn) *n.* [*< ?*] a large shrimp or other similar crustacean

**pray** (prā) *vt.* [*< L prex, prayer*] 1 to implore [(I) pray (you) tell me] 2 to ask for by prayer —*vi.* to say prayers, as to God

**prayer**<sup>1</sup> (prer) *n.* 1 the act of praying 2 an entreaty; supplication 3 a) a humble request, as to God b) any set formula for this 4 [often *pl.*] a devotional service chiefly of prayers 5 something prayed for —**prayer'ful** *adj.* —**prayer'ful-ly** *adv.*

**pray-er**<sup>2</sup> (prā'ər) *n.* one who prays

**praying mantis** MANTIS

**pre-** [*< L prae, before*] *prefix* before in time, place, rank, etc.

**preach** (prēch) *vi.* [*< L prae-, before + dicare, proclaim*] 1 to give a religious sermon 2 to give moral advice, esp. in a tiresome manner —*vt.* 1 to urge as by preaching 2 to deliver (a sermon) —**preach'ment** *n.*

**preach'er** *n.* one who preaches; esp., a member of the Protestant clergy

**preach'y** *adj. -i-er, -i-est* [Inf.] given to or marked by preaching, or moralizing

**pre-am-ble** (prē'am'bəl) *n.* [*< L prae-, before + ambulare, go*] an introduction, esp. one to a constitution, statute, etc., stating its purpose

**pre'ap-prove'** (-ə prōv') *vt. -proved', -prov'ing* to authorize before an application is submitted

**pre'ar-range'** (-ə rānj') *vt. -ranged', -rang'ing* to arrange beforehand

**pre-can-cer-ous** (prē kan'sər əs) *adj.* likely to become cancerous

**pre-car-i-ous** (prē ker'ē əs) *adj.* [*see PRAY*] dependent upon circumstances or chance; uncertain; risky —**pre-car'i-ous-ly** *adv.*

**pre-cau-tion** (pri kō'shən) *n.* [*< L prae-, before + cavere, take care*] care taken beforehand, as against danger or failure —**pre-cau'tion-ary** *adj.*

**pre-cede** (prē sēd') —*vt., vi. -ced'ed, -ced'ing* [*< L prae-, before + cedere, to go*] to be, come, or go before in time, place, rank, etc.

**prec-e-dence** (pres'ə dəns; prē sēd'ns) *n.* the act, right, or fact of preceding in time, order, rank, etc.

**prec-e-dent** (pres'ə dənt) *n.* an act, statement, etc. that may serve as an example or justification for a later one

**pre-ced'ing** *adj.* that precedes

**pre-cept** (prē'sept') *n.* [*< L prae-, before + capere, take*] a rule of moral conduct; maxim

**pre-cep-tor** (prē sep'tər) *n.* a teacher

**pre-cinct** (prē'sinkt') *n.* [*< L prae-, before + cingere, surround*] 1 [usually



*pl.*] an enclosure between buildings, walls, etc. 2 [*pl.*] environs 3 *a*) police district *b*) a subdivision of a voting ward 4 a limited area

**pre-ci-os-i-ty** (pres'hē äs'ə tē, pres'-) *n.*, *pl.* -ties [see *fol.*] affectation, esp. in language

**pre-cious** (pres'həs) *adj.* [*< L pretium*, a price] 1 of great price or value; costly 2 beloved; dear 3 very fastidious, affected, etc. —**pre'cious-ly** *adv.*

**precious stone** a rare and costly gem: applied to the diamond, emerald, ruby, and sapphire

**prec-i-pice** (pres'i pis) *n.* [*< L prae-*, before + *caput*, a head] a vertical or overhanging rock face

**pre-cip-i-tant** (prē sip'i tant) *adj.* [see *prec.*] **PRECIPITATE**

**pre-cip-i-tate** (prē sip'ə tāt'; *for adj. & n.*, -tit, -tāt') *vt.* -tated, -tating [see **PRECIPICE**] 1 to hurl downward 2 to cause to happen before expected, needed, etc. 3 *Chem.* to separate (a soluble substance) out of a solution — *vi.* 1 *Chem.* to be precipitated 2 *Meteorol.* to condense and fall as rain, snow, etc. —*adj.* 1 acting or done hastily or rashly 2 very sudden or abrupt —*n.* a substance precipitated out of a solution

**pre-cip'i-ta-tion** (-tā'shən) *n.* 1 a headlong fall or rush 2 rash haste; impetuosity 3 a bringing on suddenly 4 *Chem.* a precipitating or being precipitated from a solution 5 *Meteorol.* *a*) rain, snow, etc. *b*) the amount of this

**pre-cip'i-tous** (-təs) *adj.* 1 steep like a precipice 2 rash; impetuous

**pré-cis** (prā sē') *n.*, *pl.* -cis' (-sēz') [Fr: see *fol.*] a concise abridgment; summary

**pre-cise** (prē sis') *adj.* [*< L prae-*, before + *caedere*, to cut] 1 accurately stated; definite 2 minutely exact 3 strict; scrupulous; fastidious —**pre-cise'ly** *adv.* —**pre-cise'ness** *n.*

**pre-ci-sion** (prē sizh'ən) *n.* the quality of being precise; exactness —*adj.* requiring exactness [*precision work*]

**pre-clude** (prē klōd') *vt.* -clud'ed, -clud'ing [*< L prae-*, before + *claudere*, to close] to make impossible, esp. in advance; prevent —**pre-clu'sion** (-klō'zhən) *n.*

**pre-co-cious** (prē kō'shəs) *adj.* [*< L prae-*, before + *coquere*, to cook] matured earlier than usual [*a precocious child*] —**pre-coc'i-ty** (-käs'ə tē) *n.*

**pre-cog-ni-tion** (prē'käg nish'ən) *n.* [see **PRE-** & **COGNITION**] *Parapsychology* the perception of an event, etc. before it occurs, esp. by extrasensory means —**pre-cog'ni-tive** (-nə tiv) *adj.*

**pre-Co-lum-bi-an** (prē'kə lum'bē ən) *adj.* of any period in the Americas before Columbus's voyages

**pre-con-ceive** (prē'kən sēv') *vt.* -ceived', -ceiv'ing to form (an opinion) in advance —**pre-con-cep'tion** (-sep'shən) *n.*

**pre'con-di'tion** (-dish'ən) *vt.* to prepare (someone) to behave, react, etc. in a certain way under certain conditions —*n.* a condition required beforehand if something else is to occur

**pre-cur-sor** (prē kūr'sər, prē'kūr'-) *n.* [*< L praecurrere*, run ahead] 1 a forerunner 2 a predecessor —**pre-cur'so-ry** *adj.*

**pred-a-to-ry** (pred'ə tōr'ē) *adj.* [*< L praeda*, a prey] 1 of or living by plundering or robbing 2 preying on other animals —**pred'a-tor** (-tər) *n.*

**pre-de-cease** (prē'dē sēs') *vt.* -ceased', -ceas'ing to die before (someone else)

**pred-e-ces-sor** (pred'ə ses'ər) *n.* [*< L prae-*, before + *decedere*, go away] a person preceding another, as in office

**pre-des-ti-na-tion** (prē des'tə nā'shən) *n.* 1 *Theol.* the doctrine that *a*) God foreordained everything that would happen *b*) God predestines souls to salvation or to damnation 2 one's destiny

**pre-des'tine** (-des'tin) *vt.* -tined, -tin-ing to destine beforehand; foreordain

**pre'de-ter'mine** (-dē tər'min) *vt.* -mined, -min-ing to determine beforehand

**pre-dic-a-ment** (prē dik'ə mənt) *n.* [see **PREACH**] an unpleasant or embarrassing situation

**pred-i-cate** (pred'i kāt'; *for n. & adj.*, -kit) *vt.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing [see **PREACH**] 1 to affirm as a quality or attribute 2 to base (something) on or upon facts, conditions, etc. —*n.* *Gram.* the word or words that make a statement about the subject —*adj.* *Gram.* of a predicate —**pred'i-ca'tion** *n.*

**pre-dict** (prē dikt') *vt.*, *vi.* [*< L prae-*, before + *dicere*, tell] to say in advance (what one believes will happen); foretell —**pre-dict'a-ble** *adj.* —**pre-dic'tion** *n.* —**pre-dic'tor** *n.*

**pre-di-gest** (prē'di jest', -dī-) *vt.* to treat (food) as with enzymes for easier digestion when eaten

**pred-i-lec-tion** (pred'ə lek'shən, prē'də-) *n.* [*< L prae-*, before + *diligere*, prefer] a partiality or preference (*for*)

**pre-dis-pose** (prē'di spōz') *vt.* -posed', -pos'ing to make receptive or susceptible (*to*); incline —**pre'dis-po-si'tion** (-dis pə zish'ən) *n.*

**pre-dom-i-nant** (prē dām'ə nənt) *adj.* 1 having authority or influence over others; superior 2 most frequent; prevailing —**pre-dom'i-nance** *n.* —**pre-dom'i-nant-ly** *adv.*

**pre-dom-i-nate** (prē dām'ə nāt') *vi.* -nat'ed, -nat'ing 1 to have authority or influence (*over* others) 2 to be dominant in amount, number, etc.; prevail

**pre-em-i-nent** (prē em'ə nənt) *adj.* eminent above others; surpassing —**pre-em'i-nence** *n.* —**pre-em'i-nent-ly** *adv.*

**pre-empt** or **pre-empt'** (prē empt') *vt.* [ult. *< L prae-*, before + *emere*, buy] 1 to gain the right to buy (public land) by settling on it 2 to seize before anyone else can 3 *Radio, TV* to replace (a scheduled program)

**pre-emp'tion** (-emp'shən) *n.* 1 a preempting 2 action taken to check other action beforehand —**pre-emp'tive** *adj.*

**preen** (prēn) *vt.* [*< ME proinen*, to dress up] 1 to clean and trim (the feathers) with the beak 2 to dress up or adorn (oneself)



**pre-exist** (prē'eg zist') *vt., vi.* to exist previously or before (another person or thing) —**pre'ex-istence** *n.*

**pref** *abbrev.* 1 preface 2 preferred 3 prefix

**pre-fab** (prē'fab') *n.* [Inf.] a prefabricated building

**pre-fab-ri-cate** (prē fab'ri kāt') *vt.* -cated, -cat'ing to build (a house, etc.) in standardized sections for shipment and quick assembly

**pref-ace** (pref'is) *n.* [L *prae-*, before + *fari*, speak] an introduction to a book, speech, etc. —*vt.* -aced, -ac'ing 1 to furnish with a preface 2 to introduce —**pref'a-to'ry** (-ə tōr'ē) *adj.*

**pre-fect** (prē'fekt') *n.* [L *praeficere*, to set over] any of various administrators —**pre'fec'ture** (-fek'chər) *n.*

**pre-fer** (prē fər', pri-) *vt.* -ferred', -fer'ring [L *prae-*, before + *ferre*, to bear] 1 to put before a court, etc. for consideration 2 to like better

**pref-er-a-ble** (pref'ər ə bəl) *adj.* more desirable —**pref'er-a-bly** *adv.*

**pref'er-ence** (-əns) *n.* 1 a preferring or being preferred 2 something preferred 3 advantage given to one person, country, etc. over others —**pref'er-en'tial** (-ər en'shəl) *adj.*

**pre-fer-ment** (prē fər'mənt) *n.* an advancement in rank, etc.; promotion

**pre-fig-ure** (prē fig'yər) *vt.* -ured, -ur'ing to suggest beforehand; foreshadow

**pre-fix** (prē'fiks'; *for v., also* prē fiks') *vt.* [L *prae-*, before + *figere*, fix] to fix to the beginning of a word, etc.; esp., to add as a prefix —*n.* a syllable, group of syllables, or word joined to the beginning of another word or a base to alter its meaning

**preg-nant** (preg'nənt) *adj.* [L *pregnans*] 1 having (an) offspring developing in the uterus; with child 2 mentally fertile; inventive 3 full of meaning, etc. [a pregnant silence] 4 filled (*with*); abounding —**preg'nan-cy**, *pl. -cies, n.*

**pre-hen-sile** (prē hen'səl) *adj.* [L *prehendere*, take] adapted for seizing or grasping, esp. by wrapping around something: said as of a monkey's tail

**pre-his-tor-ic** (prē'his tōr'ik) *adj.* of the period before recorded history

**pre-ig-ni-tion** (prē'ig nish'ən) *n.* in an internal-combustion engine, ignition occurring before the intake valve is closed or before the spark plug fires

**pre-judge** (prē juj') *vt.* -judged', -judg'ing to judge beforehand or without all the evidence —**pre-judg'ment** *n.*

**prej-u-dice** (prej'ə dis) *n.* [L *prae-*, before + *judicium*, judgment] 1 a preconceived, usually unfavorable idea 2 an opinion held in disregard of facts that contradict it; bias 3 intolerance or hatred of other races, etc. 4 injury or harm as from some judgment —*vt.* -diced, -dic'ing 1 to injure or harm, as by some judgment 2 to cause to have prejudice; bias —**prej'u-di'cial** (-dish'əl) *adj.*

**prel-ate** (prel'it) *n.* [L *praelatus*,

placed before] a high-ranking member of the clergy, as a bishop —**prel'a-cy**, *pl. -cies, n.*

**pre-lim-i-nar-y** (prē lim'ə ner'ē, pri-) *adj.* [L *prae-*, before + *limen*, threshold] leading up to the main action, discussion, etc.; introductory —*n., pl. -ies* [often *pl.*] a preliminary step, procedure, etc.

**pre-lit-er-ate** (prē lit'ər it) *adj.* of a society not having a written language

**pre-lude** (prel'yōd', prā'lōd') *n.* [Fr < L *prae-*, before + *ludere*, to play] 1 a preliminary part 2 *Music a*) an introductory instrumental composition, as the overture to an opera *b*) a short, romantic composition

**pre-mar-i-tal** (prē mar'ət'l) *adj.* occurring before marriage

**pre-ma-ture** (prē'mə toor', -choor') *adj.* [L *prae-*, before + *maturus*, ripe] happening, done, arriving, etc. before the proper or usual time; too early —**pre'ma-ture'ly** *adv.*

**pre-med'i-tate'** (-med'ə tāt') *vt., vi.* -tated, -tat'ing to think (out) or plan beforehand —**pre-med'i-ta'tion** *n.*

**pre-men-stru-al** (prē men'strəl) *adj.* occurring before a menstrual period

**pre-mier** (pri mir', -myir') *adj.* [Fr < L *primus*, first] first in importance; foremost —*n.* a chief official; specif., a prime minister —**pre-mier'ship** *n.*

**pre-mière** or **pre-miere** (pri mir', -myer') *n.* [Fr: see *prec.*] a first performance of a play, movie, etc.

**prem-ise** (prem'is) *n.* [L *prae-*, before + *mittere*, send] 1 a previous statement serving as a basis for an argument 2 [*pl.*] a piece of real estate —*vt.* -ised, -is'ing to state as a premise

**pre-mi-um** (prē'mē əm) *n., pl. -ums* [L *prae-*, before + *emere*, get, buy] 1 a reward or prize, esp. as an inducement to buy 2 an additional amount paid or charged 3 a payment, as for an insurance policy 4 very high value [to put a premium on wit] —**at a premium** very valuable because of scarcity

**prem-o-ni-tion** (prēm'ə nish'ən, prē'mə-) *n.* [L *prae-*, before + *monere*, warn] 1 a forewarning 2 a foreboding —**pre-mon-i-to-ry** (prē măn'i tōr'ē) *adj.*

**pre-na-tal** (prē nāt'l) *adj.* before birth

**pre-nup-tial** (prē nup'shəl) *adj.* before a marriage or wedding

**pre-oc'cu-pied'** *adj.* completely absorbed in one's thoughts; engrossed

**pre-oc-cu-py** (prē ək'yōō pī') *vt.* -pied', -py'ing [L *prae-*, before + *occupare*, seize] to wholly occupy the thoughts of; engross —**pre-oc'cu-pa'tion** (-pā'shən) *n.*

**pre-or-dain** (prē'ôr dān') *vt.* to ordain or decree beforehand

**pre-owned'** *adj.* previously owned; used

**prep**<sup>1</sup> (prep) *adj.* short for PREPARATORY [a prep school] —*vt.* prepped, prep'ing to prepare (a patient) for surgery, etc.

**prep**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 preparatory 2 preposition

**pre-pack-age** (prē pak'ij) *vt.* -aged, -ag'ing to package (foods, etc.) in standard



units before selling

**pre-paid** (prē pād') *vt. pt. & pp. of PRE-PAY*

**prep-a-ra-tion** (prep'ə rā'shən) *n.* 1 a preparing or being prepared 2 a preparatory measure 3 something prepared, as a medicine or cosmetic

**pre-par-a-to-ry** (prē par'ə tōr'ē, prep'ə rə-) *adj.* serving to prepare; introductory

**preparatory school** a private secondary school that prepares students for college

**pre-pare** (prē par', pri-) *vt. -pared', -par'ing* [*< L prae-, before + parare, get ready*] 1 to make ready 2 to equip or furnish 3 to put together [*to prepare dinner*] —*vi.* 1 to make things ready 2 to make oneself ready

**pre-par'ed-ness** (-par'id nəs) *n.* the state of being prepared, esp. for waging war

**pre-pay'** *vt. -paid', -pay'ing* to pay or pay for in advance —**pre-pay'ment** *n.*

**pre-pon-der-ate** (prē pān'dər āt', pri-) *vi. -at'ed, -at'ing* [*< L prae-, before + ponderare, weigh*] to be superior in amount, power, etc. —**pre-pon'der-ance** *n.* —**pre-pon'der-ant** *adj.*

**prep-o-si-tion** (prep'ə zish'ən) *n.* [*< L prae-, before + ponere, to place*] a word, as *in*, *by*, or *to*, that connects a noun or pronoun to another element of a sentence —**prep'o-si'tion-al** *adj.*

**pre-pos-sess** (prē'pə zes') *vt.* to bias, esp. favorably

**pre'pos-sess'ing** *adj.* that impresses favorably

**pre-pos-ter-ous** (prē pās'tər əs, pri-) *adj.* [*< L prae-, before + posterus, following*] absurd; ridiculous; laughable

**prep-py** or **prep-pie** (prep'ē) *n., pl. -pies* a student at or graduate of a preparatory school —*adj. -pi-er, -pi-est* of or like the clothes worn by such students

**pre-puce** (prē'pyōōs') *n.* [*< L praeputium*] FORESKIN

**pre-re-cord** (prē'ri kōrd') *vt.* *Film, Radio, TV* to record (music, a program, etc.) for later use

**pre're-cord'ed** *adj.* designating or of a magnetic tape, as in a cassette, on which sound, etc. has been recorded before its sale

**pre-req-ui-site** (prē rek'wə zit, pri-) *adj.* required beforehand as a necessary condition —*n.* something prerequisite

**pre-rog-a-tive** (prē rāg'ə tiv, pri-) *n.* [*< L prae-, before + rogare, ask*] an exclusive right or privilege

**pres** *abbrev.* present

**Pres** *abbrev.* President

**pres-age** (pres'ij; *for v., usually* prē sāj', pri-) *n.* [*< L prae-, before + sagire, perceive*] 1 an omen; portent 2 a foreboding —*vt. -aged', -ag'ing* to give warning of

**pres-by-ter** (prez'bi tər) *n.* [*see PRIEST*] 1 in the Presbyterian Church, an elder 2 in the Episcopal Church, a priest

**Pres'by-te'ri-an** (-tir'ē ən) *adj.* designating or of a church of a traditionally Calvinistic Protestant denomination gov-

erned by presbyters —*n.* a member of a Presbyterian church

**pre'school'** *adj.* of or for a child between infancy and school age —*n.* a school for very young children, usually those three to five years of age —**pre'school'er** *n.*

**pres-cience** (prē'shəns, -shē əns) *n.* [*< L prae-, before + scire, know*] foreknowledge; foresight —**pres'cient** *adj.*

**pre-scribe** (prē skrib', pri-) *vt. -scribed', -scrib'ing* [*< L prae-, before + scribere, write*] 1 to order; direct 2 to order as a medicine or treatment: said as of physicians

**pre-script** (prē'skript') *n.* a prescribed rule —**pre-scrip'tive** *adj.*

**pre-scrip-tion** (prē skrip'shən, pri-) *n.* 1 something prescribed 2 a) a written direction for the preparation and use of medicine b) such a medicine

**pres-ence** (prez'əns) *n.* 1 the fact or state of being present 2 immediate surroundings [*in his presence*] 3 a) a person's bearing or appearance b) impressive bearing, personality, etc.

**presence of mind** ability to think and act quickly in an emergency

**pres-ent** (prez'ənt; *for v. prē zent', pri-*) *adj.* [*< L prae-, before + esse, be*] 1 being at the specified place 2 existing or happening now 3 *Gram.* indicating action or state occurring now or action that is always the same [*present tense*] —*n.* 1 the present time 2 the present tense 3 a gift —*vt. pre-sent'* 1 to introduce (a person) 2 to exhibit; show 3 to offer for consideration 4 to give (a gift, etc.) to a person, etc. —**present arms** to hold a rifle vertically in front of the body

**pre-sent-a-ble** (prē zent'ə bəl, pri-) *adj.* 1 suitable for presentation 2 suitably groomed for meeting people

**pres-en-ta-tion** (prez'ən tā'shən, prē zən-) *n.* 1 a presenting or being presented 2 something presented

**pres'ent-day'** *adj.* of the present time

**pre-sen-ti-ment** (prē zent'ə mənt, pri-) *n.* [*see PRE- & SENTIMENT*] a feeling that something, esp. of an unfortunate nature, is about to take place

**pres'ent-ly** *adv.* 1 soon; shortly 2 at present; now: a usage objected to by some

**pre-sent-ment** (prē zent'mənt, pri-) *n.* presentation

**present participle** a participle used a) to express present or continuing action or existence (Ex.: he is *growing*) b) as an adjective (Ex.: a *growing* boy)

**pres-er-va-tion-ist** (prez'ər vā'shən ist) *n.* one who advocates positive measures to preserve historic buildings, wilderness lands, etc.

**pre-serv-a-tive** (prē zurv'ə tiv, pri-) *adj.* preserving —*n.* anything that preserves [*a preservative added to foods*]

**pre-serve** (prē zurv', pri-) *vt. -served', -serv'ing* [*< L prae-, before + servare, to keep*] 1 to protect from harm, damage, etc. 2 to keep from spoiling 3 to prepare (food), as by canning, for future



use 4 to carry on; maintain —*n.* 1 [usually *pl.*] fruit preserved by cooking with sugar 2 a place where game, fish, etc. are maintained —*pres-er-va-tion* (prez'ər vā'shən) *n.* —*pre-serv'er n.*

**pre-set** (prē set') *vt.* -set', -set'ing to set (automatic controls) beforehand

**pre-shrink** (prē shrink') *vt.* -shrank' or -shrunk', -shrunk' or -shrunk'en, -shrink'ing to shrink by a special process in manufacture, to minimize further shrinkage in laundering — *pre'shrunk' adj.*

**pre-side** (prē zīd', pri-) *vi.* -sid'ed, -sid'ing [*< L prae-*, before + *sedere*, sit] 1 to serve as chairman 2 to have control or authority (over)

**pres-i-dent** (prez'ə dənt) *n.* [see *prec.*] 1 the highest executive officer of a company, club, etc. 2 [often *P-*] the chief executive (as in the U.S.), or the nominal head (as in Italy), of a republic — *pres'i-den-cy, pl. -cies, n.* — *pres'i-den'tial* (-den'shəl) *adj.*

**press**<sup>1</sup> (pres) *vt.* [*< L premere*] 1 *a*) to act on with steady force or weight; push against, squeeze, compress, etc. *b*) to push against (a button, key, etc.) as in using an elevator, keyboard, etc. 2 to squeeze (juice, etc.) from 3 to iron (clothes, etc.) 4 to embrace closely 5 to urge persistently; entreat 6 to try to force 7 to emphasize 8 to distress or trouble [I'm *pressed* for time] 9 to urge on —*vi.* 1 to exert pressure; apply weight 2 to go forward with determination 3 to crowd —*n.* 1 pressure, urgency, etc. 2 a crowd 3 a machine for crushing, stamping, etc. 4 *a*) short for PRINTING PRESS *b*) a printing establishment *c*) newspapers, magazines, etc., or the persons who write for them *d*) publicity, etc. in newspapers, etc. 5 a closet for storing clothes, etc. — *press'er n.*

**press**<sup>2</sup> (pres) *vt.* [*< L praes*, surety + *stare*, to stand] to force into service, esp. military or naval service

**press agent** one whose work is to get publicity for a client

**press box** a place for reporters at sports events, etc.

**press conference** a group interview granted to media personnel as by a celebrity

**press'ing** *adj.* calling for immediate attention; urgent

**press'man** (-mən) *n., pl. -men* (-mən) an operator of a printing press

**press secretary** one whose job is to deal with the news media on behalf of a prominent person

**pres-sure** (pres'hər) *n.* 1 a pressing or being pressed 2 a state of distress 3 a compelling influence [social *pressure*] 4 urgent demands; urgency 5 *Physics* force per unit of area exerted upon a surface, etc. —*vt.* -sured, -sur'ing to exert pressure on

**pressure cooker** a container for quick cooking by steam under pressure

**pressure group** a group trying to influence government through lobbying,

propaganda, etc.

**pres'sur-ize** (-īz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to keep nearly normal atmosphere pressure inside (an airplane, etc.), as at high altitudes — *pres'sur-i-za'tion n.*

**pres-ti-dig-i-ta-tion** (pres'tə dij'i tā'shən) *n.* [Fr *< preste*, quick + *L digitus*, finger] sleight of hand

**pres-tige** (pres tēzh', -tēj') *n.* [*< L praestrigiae*, deceptions] 1 the power to impress or influence 2 reputation based on high achievement, character, etc.

**pres-ti'gious** (-tij'əs, -tēj'əs) *adj.* having or imparting prestige or distinction

**pres-to** (pres'tō) *adv., adj.* [It, quick] 1 fast or at once 2 *Music* in fast tempo Also written *pres'to*

**pre-stressed concrete** (prē'strest') concrete containing tensed steel cables for strength

**pre-sume** (prē zōm', pri-) *v.* -sumed', -sum'ing [*< L prae-*, before + *sumere*, take] 1 to dare (to say or do something); venture 2 to take for granted; suppose —*vi.* to act presumptuously; take liberties — *pre-sum'a-ble adj.* — *pre-sum'a-bly adv.*

**pre-sump-tion** (prē zump'shən, pri-) *n.* 1 a presuming; specif., *a*) an overstepping of proper bounds *b*) a taking of something for granted 2 the thing presumed 3 a reason for presuming — *pre-sump'tive adj.*

**pre-sump'tu-ous** (-chō əs) *adj.* too bold or forward

**pre-sup-pose** (prē'sə pōz') *vt.* -posed', -pos'ing 1 to suppose or assume beforehand 2 to require or imply as a preceding condition — *pre'sup-po-si'tion* (-sup ə zish'ən) *n.*

**pre-teen** (prē'tēn') *n.* a child nearly a teenager

**pre-tend** (prē tend', pri-) *vt.* [*< L prae-*, before + *tendere*, to stretch] 1 to profess [to *pretend* ignorance] 2 to feign; simulate [to *pretend* anger] 3 to make believe [to *pretend* to be astronauts] — *vi.* to lay claim (to) — *pre-tend'er n.*

**pre-tense** (prē tens', pri-; prē'tens') *n.* 1 a claim; pretension 2 a false claim 3 a false show of something 4 a pretending, as at play Brit. sp. *pre-tence'*

**pre-ten-sion** (prē ten'shən, pri-) *n.* 1 a pretext 2 a claim 3 assertion of a claim 4 pretentiousness

**pre-ten'tious** (-shəs) *adj.* 1 making claims to some distinction, importance, etc. 2 affectedly grand; ostentatious — *pre-ten'tious-ly adv.* — *pre-ten'tious-ness n.*

**pret-er-it or pret-er-ite** (pret'ər it) *adj.* [*< L praeter-*, beyond + *ire*, go] *Gram.* expressing past action or state —*n.* the past tense

**pre-term** (prē'tərm') *adj.* of premature birth

**pre-ter-nat-u-ral** (prēt'ər nach'ər əl) *adj.* [ML *praeternaturalis*] 1 differing from or beyond what is natural; abnormal 2 SUPERNATURAL

**pre-test** (prē test') *vt., vi.* to test in advance

**pre-text** (prē'tekst') *n.* [*< L prae-*, before



+ *texere*, weave] a false reason put forth to hide the real one

**Pre-to-ri-a** (prē tōr'ē ə) administrative capital of South Africa: pop. 526,000

**pret-ti-fy** (prit'i fi') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing to make pretty

**pret-ty** (prit'ē) *adj.* -ti-er, -ti-est [OE *prættig*, crafty] attractive in a dainty, graceful way —*adv.* fairly; somewhat —*vt.* -tied, -ty-ing to make pretty: usually with *up* —**pret'ti-ly** *adv.* —**pret'ti-ness** *n.*

**pret-zel** (pret'səl) *n.* [ < L *brachium*, an arm] a hard, brittle, salted biscuit, often formed in a loose knot

**pre-vail** (prē vāl', pri-) *vi.* [ < L *prae-*, before + *valere*, be strong] 1 to be victorious; triumph: often with *over* or *against* 2 to succeed 3 to be or become more widespread 4 to be prevalent — **prevail on** (or *upon* or *with*) to persuade

**pre-vail'ing** *adj.* 1 superior in strength or influence 2 prevalent

**prev-a-lent** (prev'ə lənt) *adj.* [see PRE-VAIL] widely existing; generally accepted, used, etc. — **prev'a-lence** *n.*

**pre-var-i-cate** (pri var'i kāt') *vi.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing [ < L *prae-*, before + *varicare*, straddle] 1 to evade the truth 2 to lie — **pre-var'i-ca'tion** *n.* — **pre-var'i-ca'tor** *n.*

**pre-vent** (prē-vent', pri-) *vt.* [ < L *prae-*, before + *venire*, come] to stop or keep from doing or happening; hinder — **pre-vent'a-ble** or **pre-vent'i-ble** *adj.* — **pre-ven'tion** *n.*

**pre-ven'tive** (-vent'iv) *adj.* preventing or serving to prevent — *n.* anything that prevents Also **pre-vent'a-tive** (-vent'ə tiv)

**pre-view** (prē'vyōō') *n.* 1 an advance, restricted showing, as of a movie 2 a showing of scenes from a movie, etc. to advertise it Also sp. **pre'vue'**

**pre-vi-ous** (prē'vē əs) *adj.* [ < L *prae-*, before + *via*, a way] occurring before; prior — **previous to** before — **pre'vi-ous-ly** *adv.*

**pre-war** (prē'wôr') *adj.* before a (or the) war

**prex-y** (prek'sē) *n., pl.* -ies [Slang] the president, esp. of a college, etc.

**prey** (prā) *n.* [ < L *prehendere*, seize] 1 an animal hunted for food by another animal 2 a victim 3 the mode of living by preying on other animals [a bird of prey] — *vi.* 1 to plunder 2 to hunt other animals for food 3 to weigh as an obsession Generally used with *on* or *upon*

**pri-ap-ic** (pri ap'ik) *adj.* [after *Priapos*, Gr god of procreation] overly concerned with masculinity

**price** (prīs) *n.* [ < L *pretium*] 1 the amount of money, etc. asked or paid for something; cost 2 value or worth 3 the cost, as in life, labor, etc., of obtaining some benefit — *vt.* **priced**, **pric'ing** 1 to fix the price of 2 [Inf.] to find out the price of

**price'less** *adj.* of inestimable value; invaluable

**price'y** *adj.* [Inf.] expensive: also sp. **pri'cy**

**prick** (prik) *n.* [OE *prica*, a point] 1 a tiny puncture made by a sharp point 2 a sharp pain caused as by being pricked — *vt.* 1 to make (a hole) in (something) with a sharp point 2 to pain sharply — **prick up one's ears** 1 to raise the ears erect 2 to listen closely

**prick-le** (prik'al) *n.* [OE *prica*, a point] 1 a small, sharply pointed growth, as a thorn: also **prick'er** 2 a tingling sensation — *vt., vi.* -led, -ling to tingle — **prick'ly, -li-er, -li-est, adj.**

**prickly heat** a skin eruption caused by inflammation of the sweat glands

**pride** (prīd) *n.* [ < OE *prut*, proud] 1 *a)* an unduly high opinion of oneself *b)* haughtiness; arrogance 2 dignity and self-respect 3 satisfaction in something done, owned, etc. 4 a person or thing in which pride is taken — **pride oneself on** to be proud of — **pride'ful** *adj.* — **pride'ful-ly** *adv.*

**pri-er** (prī'ər) *n.* one who pries

**priest** (prēst) *n.* [ < Gr *presbys*, old] 1 a person of special rank who performs religious rites in a temple of God or a god 2 *R.C.Ch.* a clergyman ranking next below a bishop — **priest'hood** *n.* — **priest'ly, -li-er, -li-est, adj.**

**priest-ess** (prēs'tis) *n.* a pagan female priest

**prig** (prig) *n.* [ < 16th-c. cant] one who smugly affects great propriety or morality — **prig'gish** *adj.*

**prim** (prim) *adj.* **prim'mer, prim'mest** [ < ?] stiffly formal, precise, or moral — **prim'ly** *adv.*

**pri-ma-cy** (prī'mə sē) *n., pl.* -cies [ < L *primus*, first] 1 a being first in time, rank, etc.; supremacy 2 the rank or office of a primate

**pri-ma don-na** (prē'mə dän'ə, prim'ə) *pl.* **pri'ma don'nas** [It, lit., first lady] the principal woman singer in an opera

**pri-ma fa-ci-e** (prī'mə fā'shə) [L, lit., at first sight] 1 self-evident 2 *Law* designating evidence that establishes a fact unless refuted

**pri-mal** (prī'məl) *adj.* [ < L *primus*, first] 1 first in time; original 2 first in importance; chief 3 fundamental; basic [*primal* instincts]

**pri-mar-i-ly** (prī mer'ə lē) *adv.* 1. at first; originally 2 mainly; principally

**pri-mar-y** (prī'mer'ē) *adj.* [ < L *primus*, first] 1 first in time or order; original 2 from which others are derived; fundamental [*primary* colors] 3 first in importance; chief — *n., pl.* -ries 1 something first in order, importance, etc. 2 a preliminary election at which candidates are chosen for the final election

**primary school** 1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2 a school including the first three elementary grades and, sometimes, kindergarten

**primary stress** (or *accent*) the heaviest stress (') in pronouncing a word

**pri-mate** (prī'mit; for 2, -māt') *n.* [ < L *primus*, first] 1 an archbishop, or the highest-ranking bishop in a province, etc. 2 any of the order of mammals that includes humans, the apes, etc.



**prime** (prim) *adj.* [*< L primus, first*] 1 first in time; original 2 first in rank or importance; chief; principal 3 first in quality 4 fundamental 5 *Math.* that can be evenly divided by no other whole number than itself and 1 —*n.* 1 the first or earliest part 2 the best or most vigorous period 3 the best part —*vt.* **primed, prim'ing** 1 to make ready; prepare 2 to get (a pump) into operation by pouring water into it 3 to undercoat, size, etc. before painting 4 to provide with facts, answers, etc. beforehand

**prime meridian** the meridian at Greenwich, England, from which longitude is measured east and west

**prime minister** in some countries, the chief executive of the government

**prim·er**<sup>1</sup> (prim'ər) *n.* [*< L primus, first*] 1 a simple book for teaching reading 2 any elementary textbook

**prim·er**<sup>2</sup> (pri'mər) *n.* a thing that primes; specif., *a*) an explosive cap, etc. used to set off a main charge *b*) a preliminary coat of paint, etc.

**prime rate** the most favorable interest rate charged on bank loans to large corporations: also **prime interest rate** or **prime lending rate**

**prime time** *Radio, TV* the hours when the largest audience is available

**pri·me·val** (pri mē'vəl) *adj.* [*< L primus, first + aevum, an age*] of the earliest times or ages; primordial

**prim·i·tive** (prim'i tiv) *adj.* [*< L primus, first*] 1 of the earliest times; original 2 crude; simple 3 primary; basic —*n.* a primitive person or thing

**pri·mo·gen·i·ture** (pri'mə jen'i chər) *n.* [*< L primus, first + genitura, a begetting*] the exclusive right of inheritance of the eldest son

**pri·mor·di·al** (pri mōr'dē əl) *adj.* [*< L primus, first + ordiri, begin*] primitive; fundamental

**primp** (primp) *vt., vi.* [*prob. < PRIM*] to groom or dress up in a fussy way

**prim·rose** (prim'rōz') *n.* [*altered (after rose) < ML primula*] a plant with tube-like, often yellow flowers

**primrose path** 1 the path of pleasure, self-indulgence, etc. 2 a course of action that seems easy but that can lead to disaster

**prince** (prins) *n.* [*< L princeps, chief*] 1 a ruler ranking below a king; head of a principality 2 a son of a sovereign 3 any preeminent person

**prince consort** the husband of a reigning queen

**Prince Edward Island** island province of SE Canada: 2,185 sq. mi.; pop. 135,000; cap. Charlottetown: abbrev. *PE*

**prince'ly** *adj.* -li·er, -li·est 1 of a prince 2 magnificent; generous —**prince'li·ness** *n.*

**prin·cess** (prin'sis, -ses') *n.* 1 a daughter of a sovereign 2 the wife of a prince

**prin·ci·pal** (prin'sə pəl) *adj.* [*see PRINCE*] first in rank, importance, etc. —*n.* 1 a principal person or thing 2 the head of a school 3 the amount of a

loan, on which interest is computed — **prin'ci·pal·ly** *adv.*

**prin'ci·pal'i·ty** (-pal'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* the territory ruled by a prince

**principal parts** the principal inflected forms of a verb: in English, the infinitive, past tense, and past participle (Ex: *drink, drank, drunk*)

**prin·ci·ple** (prin'sə pəl) *n.* [*see PRINCE*] 1 a fundamental truth, law, etc. upon which others are based 2 *a*) a rule of conduct *b*) adherence to such rules; integrity 3 a basic part 4 *a*) the scientific law explaining a natural action *b*) the method of a thing's operation

**prin'ci·pled** *adj.* having principles, as of conduct

**print** (print) *n.* [*< L premere, to press*] 1 a mark made on a surface by pressing or stamping 2 cloth printed with a design 3 the impression of letters, designs, etc. made by inked type or from a plate, block, etc. 4 a photograph, esp. one made from a negative —*vt., vi.* 1 to stamp (a mark, letter, etc.) on a surface 2 to produce on (paper, etc.) the impression of inked type, etc. 3 to produce (a book, etc.) 4 to write in letters resembling printed ones 5 to make (a photographic print) —*in* (or *out of*) **print** still (or no longer) being sold by the publisher: said of books, etc. —**print'er** *n.*

**printed circuit** an electrical circuit of conductive material, as in fine lines, applied to an insulating sheet

**print'ing** *n.* 1 the act of one that prints 2 something printed 3 all the copies printed at one time

**printing press** a machine for printing from inked type, plates, or rolls

**print'out'** *n.* the printed or typewritten output of a computer

**pri·or** (pri'ər) *adj.* [*L*] 1 earlier; previous 2 preceding in order or importance —*n.* the head of a priory —**prior to** before in time

**pri'or·ess** (-is) *n.* a woman who heads a priory of nuns

**pri·or·i·tize** (pri ôr'ə tīz') *vt.* -tized', -tiz'ing to arrange (items) in order of importance

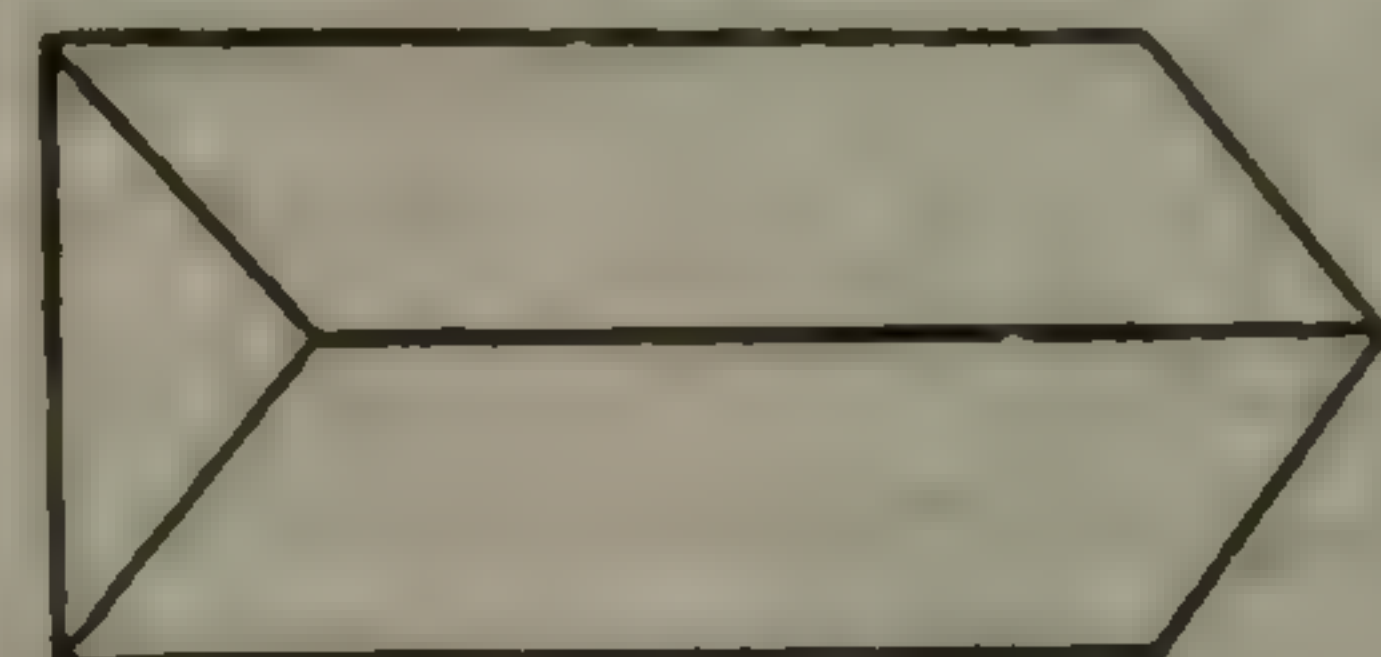
**pri·or·i·ty** (pri ôr'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 a being prior; precedence 2 a prior right to get, buy, or do something 3 something to be given prior attention

**pri·o·ry** (pri'ə rē) *n., pl. -ries* a monastery governed by a prior, or a convent governed by a prioress

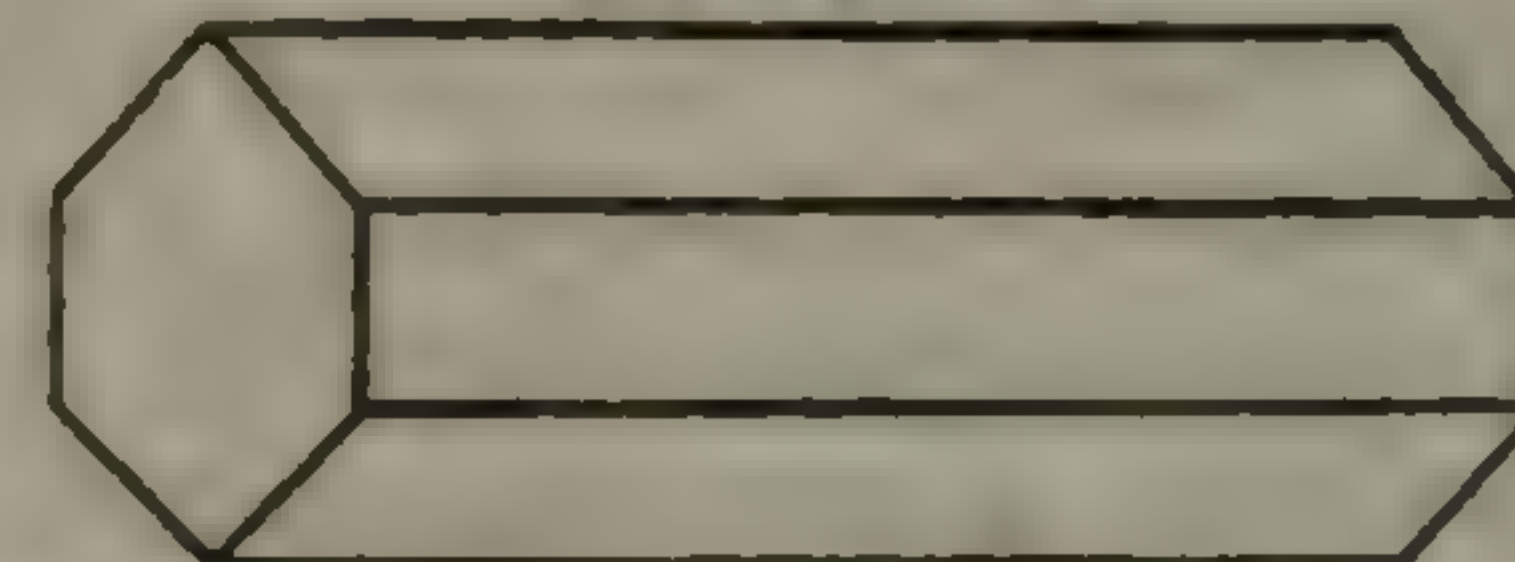
**prism** (priz'əm)

*n.* [*< Gr prizein, to saw*] 1 *Geom.* a solid figure whose ends are parallel and equal in size and shape, and whose sides are parallelograms 2 a transparent, triangular prism used to disperse light into the spectrum —**pris·mat·ic** (priz mat'ik) *adj.*

**pris·on** (priz'ən) *n.* [*< L prehendere,*



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take] a place of confinement for convicted criminals or persons who are awaiting trial

**prison camp** 1 a camp with minimum security for holding reliable prisoners 2 a camp for confining prisoners of war

**pris'on-er** *n.* one held captive or confined, esp. in prison

**pris-sy** (pris'ē) *adj.* -si-er, -si-est [prob. PR(IM) + (S)ISSY] [Inf.] very prim or prudish —**pris'si-ness** *n.*

**pris-tine** (pris'tēn', pris tēn') *adj.* [L *pristinus*, former] 1 characteristic of the earliest period 2 unspoiled

**prith-ee** (prith'ē) *interj.* [ < *pray thee*] [Archaic] I pray thee; please

**pri-va-cy** (prī'və sē) *n., pl. -cies* 1 a being private; seclusion 2 secrecy 3 one's private life

**pri-vate** (prī'vət) *adj.* [ < L *privus*, separate] 1 of or concerning a particular person or group 2 not open to or controlled by the public [a *private* school] 3 for an individual person [a *private* room] 4 not holding public office [a *private* citizen] 5 secret [a *private* matter] —*n.* 1 [pl.] the genitals: also **private parts** 2 the lowest-ranking enlisted man of either the U.S. Army or Marine Corps —**go private** to restore private corporate ownership by buying back publicly held stock —**in private** not publicly —**pri'vate-ly** *adv.*

**pri-va-teer** (prī'və tir') *n.* 1 a privately owned ship commissioned in war to capture enemy ships 2 a commander or crew member of a privateer

**private eye** [Slang] a private detective

**pri-va-tion** (prī vā'shən) *n.* the lack of ordinary necessities or comforts

**pri-va-tize** (prī'və tiz') *vt. -tized', -tiz'ing* to turn over (a public property, etc.) to private interests —**pri'va-ti'za'tion** *n.*

**priv-et** (priv'it) *n.* [ < ?] an evergreen shrub used for hedges

**priv-i-lege** (priv'ə lij, priv'lij) *n.* [ < L *privus*, separate + *lex*, law] a special right, favor, etc. granted to some person or group —*vt. -leged, -leg-ing* to grant a privilege to

**priv-y** (priv'ē) *adj.* private: now only in such phrases as **privy council**, a body of confidential advisers named by a ruler —*n., pl. priv'ies* an outhouse —**privy to** privately informed about

**prize**<sup>1</sup> (priz) *vt. prized, priz'ing* [see PRICE] to value highly; esteem —*n.* 1 something given to the winner of a contest, etc. 2 anything worth striving for —*adj.* 1 that has won or is worthy of a prize 2 given as a prize

**prize**<sup>2</sup> (priz) *n.* [ < L *prehendere*, to take] something taken by force, esp. a captured ship —*vt. prized, priz'ing* to pry, as with a lever

**prize'fight'** *n.* a professional boxing match —**prize'fight'er** *n.*

**pro**<sup>1</sup> (prō) *adv.* [L, for] favorably —*adj.* favorable —*n., pl. pros* 1 a person or vote on the affirmative side 2 an argument in favor of something

**pro**<sup>2</sup> (prō) *adj., n., pl. pros* short for PROFESSIONAL

**pro**<sup>-1</sup> [Gr < *pro*, before] *prefix* before in

place or time

**pro**<sup>-2</sup> [L < *pro*, forward] *prefix* 1 moving forward or ahead of [proclivity] 2 forth [produce] 3 substituting for [pronoun] 4 defending, supporting [prolabor]

**pro-am** (prō'am') *n.* a sports competition for both amateurs and professionals

**prob** *abbrev.* 1 probably 2 problem

**prob-a-bil-i-ty** (präb'ə bil'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 a being probable; likelihood 2 something probable

**prob-a-ble** (präb'ə bəl) *adj.* [ < L *probare*, prove] 1 likely to occur or be 2 reasonably so, but not proved —**prob'a-bly** *adv.*

**pro-bate** (prō'bāt') *n.* [see PROBE] the act or process of probating —*adj.* having to do with probating [probate court] —*vt. -bated, -bating* to establish officially that (a document, esp. a will) is genuine

**pro-ba-tion** (prō bā'shən) *n.* [see PROBE] 1 a testing, as of one's character, ability, etc. 2 the conditional suspension of a convicted person's sentence —**pro-ba'tion-ary** *adj.*

**pro-ba'tion-er** *n.* a person on probation  
**probation officer** an officer who watches over persons on probation

**probe** (prōb) *n.* [ < L *probare*, to test] 1 a surgical instrument for exploring a wound, etc. 2 a searching examination 3 a device, as a spacecraft with instruments, used to get information about an environment —*vt. probed, prob'ing* 1 to explore (a wound, etc.) with a probe 2 to investigate thoroughly —*vi.* to search

**pro-bi-ty** (prō'bə tē, präb'ə-) *n.* [ < L *probus*, good] honesty; integrity

**prob-lem** (präb'ləm) *n.* [ < Gr *problēma*] 1 a question proposed for solution 2 a perplexing or difficult matter, person, etc.

**prob-lem-at-ic** (präb'lə mat'ik) *adj.* 1 hard to solve 2 uncertain Also **prob'lem-at'i-cal**

**pro-bos-cis** (prō bäs'is) *n., pl. -cis-es* [ < Gr *pro*-, before + *boskein*, to feed] an elephant's trunk, or any similar long, flexible snout

**pro-caine** (prō'kän') *n.* [PRO<sup>-2</sup> + (CO)CAINE] a synthetic compound used as a local anesthetic

**pro-ce-dure** (prō sē'jər, prə-) *n.* the act or method of proceeding in an action —**pro-ce'dur-al** *adj.*

**pro-ceed** (prō sēd', prə-) *vi.* [ < L *pro*-, forward + *cedere*, go] 1 to go on, esp. after stopping 2 to carry on some action 3 to take legal action (against) 4 to come forth or issue (from)

**pro-ceed'ing** *n.* 1 a going on with what one has been doing 2 a course of action 3 [pl.] a record of the business carried on, as by a learned society 4 [pl.] legal action

**pro-ceeds** (prō'sēdz') *pl.n.* the sum derived from a sale, business venture, etc.

**proc-ess** (prä'ses') *n.* [see PROCEED] 1



the course of being done: chiefly in in **process** 2 course (of time, etc.) 3 a continuing development involving many changes [the *process* of digestion] 4 a method of doing something, with all the steps involved 5 *Biol.* a projecting part 6 *Law* a court summons —**vt.** to prepare by or subject to a special process — **pro'cess-or** *n.*

**pro-ces-sion** (prō sesh'an, prə-) *n.* [see **PROCEED**] a number of persons or things moving forward, as in a parade

**pro-ces'sion-al** *n.* a hymn sung at the beginning of a church service during the entrance of the clergy

**pro'-choice'** *adj.* advocating the legal right to obtain an abortion — **pro'-choic'er** *n.*

**pro-claim** (prō klām') **vt.** [ < *L pro-*, before + *clamare*, cry out] to announce officially; announce to be

**proc-la-ma-tion** (prāk'lə mā'shən) *n.* 1 a proclaiming 2 something that is proclaimed

**pro-cliv-i-ty** (prō kliv'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties [ < *L pro-*, before + *clivus*, a slope] a tendency or inclination

**pro-cras-ti-nate** (prō kras'tə nāt') *vi.*, **vt.** -nat'ed, -nat'ing [ < *L pro-*, forward + *cras*, tomorrow] to put off doing (something) until later; delay — **pro-cras'ti-na'tion** *n.* — **pro-cras'ti-na'tor** *n.*

**pro-cre-ate** (prō'krē āt') **vt.**, *vi.* -at'ed, -at'ing [ < *L pro-*, before + *creare*, create] to produce (young); beget (offspring) — **pro'cre-a'tion** *n.*

**proc-tor** (prāk'tər) *n.* [see **PROCURE**] one who supervises students, as at an examination — **vt.** to supervise (an academic examination)

**proc-u-ra-tor** (prāk'yōō rāt'ər) *n.* [see *fol.*] in the Roman Empire, the governor of a lesser province

**pro-cure** (prō kyoor') **vt.** -cured', -cur'ing [ < *L pro-*, before + *curare*, attend to] to obtain; get — **pro-cur'a-ble** *adj.* — **pro-cure'ment** *n.*

**pro-cur'er** *n.* a pimp

**prod** (präd) **vt.** **prod'ded**, **prod'ding** [ < ?] 1 to jab as with a pointed stick 2 to goad into action — *n.* 1 a jab or thrust 2 something that prods

**prod-i-gal** (präd'i gəl) *adj.* [ < *L pro-*, forth + *agere*, to drive] 1 exceedingly or recklessly wasteful 2 extremely abundant — *n.* a spendthrift — **prod'i-gal'i-ty** (-gal'ə tē), *pl.* -ties, *n.*

**pro-di-gious** (prō dij'əs, prə-) *adj.* [see *fol.*] 1 wonderful; amazing 2 enormous; huge — **pro-di'gious-ly** *adv.*

**prod-i-gy** (präd'ə jē) *n.*, *pl.* -gies [ < *L prodigium*, omen] an extraordinary person, thing, or act; specif., a child of genius

**pro-duce** (prə dōös'; *for n.* prō'dōös') **vt.** -duced', -duc'ing [ < *L pro-*, forward + *ducere*, to lead] 1 to bring to view; show [to *produce* identification] 2 to bring forth; bear 3 to make or manufacture 4 to cause 5 to get (a play, etc.) ready for presentation — *vi.* to yield something — *n.* something produced; esp., fruit and vegetables — **pro-duc'er**

*n.*

**prod-uct** (präd'əkt) *n.* 1 something produced by nature, industry, or art 2 result; outgrowth 3 *Math.* the quantity obtained by multiplying two or more quantities together

**pro-duc-tion** (prə duk'shən) *n.* a producing or something produced

**pro-duc'tive** *adj.* 1 fertile 2 marked by abundant production 3 bringing as a result (with *of*) [war is *productive* of misery] — **pro-duc'tive-ly** *adv.* — **pro-duc-tiv-i-ty** (prō'dək tiv'ə tē) or **pro-duc'tive-ness** *n.*

**prof** (präf) *n.* [Inf.] short for **PROFESSOR**  
**Prof** *abbrev.* Professor

**pro-fane** (prō fān') *adj.* [ < *L pro-*, before + *fanum*, temple] 1 not connected with religion; secular 2 showing disrespect or contempt for sacred things — **vt.** -fane'd', -fan'ing 1 to treat (sacred things) with irreverence or contempt 2 to debase; defile — **prof-a-na-tion** (präf'ə nā'shən) *n.* — **pro-fane'ly** *adv.* — **pro-fane'ness** *n.*

**pro-fan'i-ty** (-fan'ə tē) *n.* 1 a being profane 2 *pl.* -ties profane language; swearing

**pro-fess** (prō fes', prə-) **vt.** [ < *L pro-*, before + *fateri*, avow] 1 to declare openly; affirm 2 to claim to have (some feeling, etc.): often insincerely 3 to declare one's belief in — **pro-fessed'** *adj.*

**pro-fes-sion** (prō fesh'an, prə-) *n.* 1 a professing, or declaring; avowal 2 an occupation requiring advanced academic training, as medicine, law, etc. 3 all the persons in such an occupation

**pro-fes'sion-al** *adj.* 1 of or engaged in a profession 2 engaged in some sport or in a specified occupation for pay — *n.* a person who is professional — **pro-fes'sion-al-ly** *adv.*

**pro-fes-sor** (prō fes'ər, prə-) *n.* a college or university teacher, esp. one of the highest rank — **pro-fes-so-ri-al** (prō'fə sōr'ē əl, prə-) *adj.* — **pro-fes'sor-ship'** *n.*

**prof-fer** (präf'ər) **vt.** [ < *OFr.*: see **PRO-2** & **OFFER**] to offer (usually something intangible) [to *proffer* friendship] — *n.* an offer

**pro-fi-cient** (prō fish'ənt, prə-) *adj.* [ < *L pro-*, forward + *facere*, make] highly competent; skilled — **pro-fi'cien-cy** *n.* — **pro-fi'cient-ly** *adv.*

**pro-file** (prō'fil') *n.* [ < *It profilare*, to outline] 1 a side view of the face 2 a drawing of this 3 an outline 4 a short, vivid biography 5 a degree of public exposure [keeping a low *profile*] — **vt.** 1 to draw or write a profile 2 to identify by profiling

**pro'fil'ing** *n.* the use of a set of characteristics to identify those likely to belong to a certain group, as in detaining suspected criminals

**prof-it** (präf'it) *n.* [see **PROFICIENT**] 1 advantage; gain 2 [often *pl.*] financial gain; esp. the sum remaining after deducting costs — **vt.**, *vi.* 1 to be of advantage (to) 2 to benefit — **prof'it-a-bil'i-ty** *n.* — **prof'it-a-ble** *adj.* — **prof'it-a-bly** *adv.* — **prof'it-less** *adj.*

**prof-it-eer** (präf'i tir') *n.* one who makes excessive profits by charging exorbitant



prices —*vi.* to be a profiteer

**pro-fi-te-rol** (prə fit'ə rōl') *n.* a small cream puff

**prof-li-gate** (präf'li git) *adj.* [*< L pro-*, forward + *fligere*, to drive] 1 dissolute 2 recklessly wasteful —**prof'li-ga-cy** (-gə sē) *n.*

**pro for-ma** (prō fôr'mə) [*L*] for (the sake of) form; as a matter of form

**pro-found** (prō found', prə-) *adj.* [*< L pro-*, forward + *fundus*, bottom] 1 marked by intellectual depth 2 deeply felt [*profound grief*] 3 thoroughgoing [*profound changes*] —**pro-found'ly** *adv.* —**pro-fun'di-ty** (-fun'də tē), *pl. -ties*, *n.*

**pro-fuse** (prō fyōōs', prə-) *adj.* [*< L pro-*, forth + *fundere*, pour] giving or given freely and abundantly —**pro-fuse'ly** *adv.* —**pro-fu'sion** (-fyōō'zhən) *n.*

**pro-gen-i-tor** (prō jen'ə tər) *n.* [*< L pro-*, forth + *gignere*, beget] 1 an ancestor in direct line 2 a precursor

**prog-e-ny** (prāj'ə nē) *n.*, *pl. -nies* [*see prec.*] children; offspring

**pro-ges-ter-one** (prō jes'tər ōn') *n.* a female hormone secreted by the ovary or made synthetically

**prog-na-thous** (präg'nə thəs) *adj.* [*PRO*<sup>-1</sup> + *Gr gnathos*, jaw] having the jaws projecting beyond the upper face

**prog-no-sis** (präg nō'sis) *n.*, *pl. -no'ses* (-sēz') [*< Gr pro-*, before + *gignōskein*, know] a prediction, esp. of the course of a disease

**prog-nos'tic** (-näs'tik) *adj.* [*see prec.*] 1 foretelling 2 of a medical prognosis

**prog-nos'ti-cate'** (-näs'ti kāt') *vt.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing [*see PROGNOSIS*] to foretell —**prog-nos'ti-ca'tion** *n.* —**prog-nos'ti-ca'tor** *n.*

**pro-gram** (prō'gram', -grəm) *n.* [*< Gr pro-*, before + *graphein*, write] 1 a list of the acts, speeches, musical pieces, etc. as of an entertainment 2 a plan or procedure 3 a scheduled radio or TV broadcast 4 a logical sequence of coded instructions specifying the operations to be performed by a computer 5 a series of operations used to control an electronic device —*vt.* -grammed' or -gamed', -gram'ming or -gram'ing 1 to schedule in a program 2 to prepare (a textbook, etc.) for use in programmed instruction 3 to plan a computer program for 4 to furnish (a computer) with a program Also [*Chiefly Brit.*] **pro'gramme'** —**pro-gram-ma-ble** (prō'gram'ə bəl, prō gram'-) *adj.*, *n.* —**pro'gram-mer** or **pro'gram'er** *n.*

**pro-gram-mat-ic** (prō'grə mat'ik) *adj.* of or like a program; often, specif., predictable, mechanical, uninspired, etc.

**programmed instruction** instruction in which individual students answer questions about a unit of study at their own rate, checking their own answers and advancing only after answering correctly

**prog-ress** (präg'res; *for v. prō gres'*, prə-) *n.* [*< L pro-*, before + *gradi*, to step] 1 a moving forward or onward 2 development 3 improvement —*vi.* 1 to move forward or onward 2 to move forward toward completion 3 to improve

**pro-gres-sion** (prō gresh'ən, prə-) *n.* 1

a moving forward 2 a succession, as of events 3 *Math.* a series of numbers, each of which is obtained from its predecessor by the same rule

**pro-gres'sive** (-gres'iv, prə-) *adj.* 1 moving forward 2 continuing by successive steps 3 of or favoring progress, reform, etc. 4 *Gram.* indicating continuing action or state, as certain verb forms —*n.* one who is progressive —**pro-gres'sive-ly** *adv.*

**pro-hib-it** (prō hib'it, prə-) *vt.* [*< L pro-*, before + *habere*, have] 1 to forbid by law or an order 2 to prevent; hinder —**pro-hib'i-tive** *adj.*

**pro-hi-bi-tion** (prō'i bish'ən) *n.* 1 a prohibiting 2 the forbidding by law of the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages —**pro'hi-bi'tion-ist** *n.*

**proj-ect** (prä'jekt'; *for v. prō jekt'*, prə-) *n.* [*< L pro-*, before + *jacere*, to throw] 1 a proposal; scheme 2 an organized undertaking —*vt.* **pro-ject'** 1 to propose (a plan) 2 to throw forward 3 to cause to jut out 4 to cause (a shadow, image, etc.) to fall upon a surface —*vi.* to jut out —**pro-jec'tion** *n.*

**pro-jec-tile** (prō jek'təl, prə-) *n.* 1 an object designed to be shot forward, as a bullet 2 anything thrown or hurled forward

**projection booth** a small chamber, as in a theater, from which images on film, slides, etc. are projected

**pro-jec'tion-ist** *n.* the operator of a film or slide projector

**pro-jec'tor** *n.* a machine for projecting images onto a screen

**pro-lapse** (prō laps', prō'laps') *n.* [*L pro-*, forward + *labi*, to fall] *Med.* the slipping out of place of an internal organ: said as of the uterus

**pro-le-tar-i-at** (prō'lə ter'ē ət) *n.* [*< L proletarius*, a citizen of the lowest class] the working class; esp., the industrial working class —**pro'le-tar'i-an** *adj.*, *n.*

**pro'-life'** *adj.* opposing the legal right to abortion —**pro'-lif'er** *n.*

**pro-lif-er-ate** (prō lif'ər āt', prə-) *vi.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*ult. < L proles*, offspring + *ferre*, to bear] to increase rapidly —**pro-lif'er-a'tion** *n.*

**pro-lif-ic** (prō lif'ik, prə-) *adj.* [*< L proles*, offspring + *facere*, make] 1 producing many young or much fruit 2 turning out many products of the mind —**pro-lif'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**pro-lix** (prō liks', prō'liks') *adj.* [*< L proluxus*, extended] wordy or long-winded —**pro-lix'i-ty** *n.*

**pro-logue** (prō'lôg') *n.* [*< Gr pro-*, before + *logos*, discourse] 1 an introduction to a poem, play, etc. 2 any preliminary act, event, etc.

**pro-long** (prō lôn', prə-) *vt.* [*< L pro-*, forth + *longus*, long] to lengthen in time or space: also **pro-lon'gate'** (-gāt'), -gat'ed, -gat'ing —**pro-lon-ga-tion** (prō'lôn gā'shən) *n.*

**prom** (präm) *n.* [*< fol.*] a dance, as of a particular class in a school

**prom-e-nade** (präm'ə nād', -nād') *n.*



[[Fr < L *pro-*, forth + *minare*, to herd]] 1 a leisurely walk taken for pleasure, display, etc. 2 a public place for walking —*vi.*, *vt.* -*nad'ed*, -*nad'ing* to take a promenade (along or through)

**Pro-me-the-us** (prō mē'thē əs) *n.* *Gr. Myth.* a Titan who steals fire from heaven for the benefit of human beings

**prom-i-nent** (prām'ə nənt) *adj.* [[< L *prominere*, to project]] 1 sticking out; projecting 2 noticeable; conspicuous 3 widely and favorably known —**prom'i-nence** *n.* —**prom'i-nent-ly** *adv.*

**pro-mis-cu-ous** (prō mis'kyō əs, prə-) *adj.* [[< L *pro-*, forth + *miscere*, to mix]] 1 consisting of different elements indiscriminately mingled 2 characterized by a lack of discrimination, esp. in sexual liaisons —**prom-is-cu-i-ty** (prām'is kyō ə tē), *pl.* -*ties*, *n.* —**pro-mis'cu-ous-ly** *adv.*

**prom-ise** (prām'is) *n.* [[< L *pro-*, forth + *mittere*, send]] 1 an agreement to do or not to do something 2 indication, as of a successful future 3 something promised —*vi.*, *vt.* -*ised*, -*is-ing* 1 to make a promise of (something) 2 to give a basis for expecting (something)

**Promised Land** *Bible* Canaan, promised by God to Abraham and his descendants: Genesis 17:8

**prom-is-so-ry** (prām'i sōr'ē) *adj.* containing a promise

**pro-mo** (prō'mō) [*Inf.*] *adj.* of or engaged in the promotion or advertising of a product, etc. —*n.*, *pl.* -*mos* a recorded announcement, radio or TV commercial, etc. used in advertising, etc.

**prom-on-to-ry** (prām'ən tōr'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -*ries* [[*prob.* < L *prominere*, to project]] a peak of high land that juts out into a body of water; headland

**pro-mote** (prə ōt') *vt.* -*mot'ed*, -*mot'ing* [[< L *pro-*, forward + *movere*, to move]] 1 to raise to a higher position or rank 2 to further the growth, establishment, sales, etc. of —**pro-mo'tion** *n.* —**pro-mo'tion-al** *adj.*

**pro-mot'er** *n.* one who begins, organizes, and furthers an undertaking

**prompt** (prāpt) *adj.* [[< L *pro-*, forth + *emere*, take]] 1 ready, punctual, etc. 2 done, spoken, etc. without delay —*vt.* 1 to urge into action 2 to remind (a person) of something he or she has forgotten; specif., to help (an actor, etc.) with a cue 3 to inspire —**prompt'er** *n.* —**prompt'ly** *adv.* —**prompt'ness** or **prompt'i-tude** *n.*

**prom-ul-gate** (prām'əl gāt', prō mul'gāt') *vt.* -*gat'ed*, -*gat'ing* [[< L *promulgare*, publish]] 1 to make known officially 2 to make widespread —**prom'ul-ga'tion** *n.*

**pron** *abbrev.* 1 pronoun 2 pronunciation

**prone** (prōn) *adj.* [[< L *pronus*]] 1 lying face downward or prostrate 2 disposed or inclined (to) [*prone* to error]

**prong** (prōŋ) *n.* [[ME *pronge*]] 1 any of the pointed ends of a fork; tine 2 any projecting part —**pronged** *adj.*

**prong'horn'** *n.* an animal of the W U.S.

having curved horns and resembling both the deer and the antelope

**pro-noun** (prō'noun') *n.* [[< L *pro*, for + *nomen*, noun]] *Gram.* a word used in place of a noun (Ex.: *I, he, them, ours, which, yourself, anyone*) —**pro-nom'i-nal** (-nām'i nəl) *adj.*

**pro-nounce** (prə nouns', prō-) *vt.* -*nounced'*, -*nounc'ing* [[< L *pro-*, before + *nuntiare*, announce]] 1 to declare officially, solemnly, etc. 2 to utter or articulate (a sound or word) —**pro-nounce'a-ble** *adj.*

**pro-nounced'** *adj.* clearly marked; decided [*a pronounced change*]

**pro-nounce'ment** *n.* a formal statement, as of an opinion

**pron-to** (prän'tō) *adv.* [[Sp: see PROMPT]] [*Slang*] at once; quickly

**pro-nun-ci-a-tion** (prə nun'sē ā'shən, prō-) *n.* 1 the act or manner of pronouncing words 2 an accepted way of pronouncing a word; also, a rendering of this in symbols

**proof** (prōf) *n.* [[see PROBE]] 1 a proving or testing of something 2 evidence that establishes the truth of something 3 the relative strength of an alcoholic liquor 4 *Photog.* a trial print of a negative 5 a sheet printed from set type, for checking errors, etc. —*adj.* of tested strength in resisting: with *against*

-**proof** (prōf) [[< *prec.*]] *combining form* 1 impervious to [*waterproof*] 2 protected from [*rustproof*] 3 resistant to [*fireproof*]

**proof'read'** (-rēd') *vt.*, *vi.* to read and mark corrections on (printers' proofs, etc.) —**proof'read'er** *n.*

**prop**<sup>1</sup> (präp) *n.* [[< MDu *proppe*]] a support, as a pole, placed under or against something: often used figuratively —*vt.* **propped**, **prop'ping** 1 to support with or as with a prop: often with *up* 2 to lean (something) *against* a support

**prop**<sup>2</sup> (präp) *n.* PROPERTY (sense 4)

**prop**<sup>3</sup> (präp) *n.* short for PROPELLER

**prop**<sup>4</sup> *abbrev.* 1 proper(ly) 2 property 3 proposition 4 proprietor

**prop-a-gan-da** (präp'ə gan'də) *n.* [[ModL: see fol.]] 1 any widespread promotion of particular ideas, doctrines, etc. 2 ideas, etc. so spread —**prop'a-gan'dist** *n.*, *adj.* —**prop'a-gan'dize'** (-diz'), -*dized'*, -*diz'ing*, *vt.*, *vi.*

**prop-a-gate** (präp'ə gāt') *vt.* -*gat'ed*, -*gat'ing* [[< L *propago*, slip (of a plant)]] 1 to cause (a plant or animal) to reproduce itself 2 to reproduce (itself): said of a plant or animal 3 to spread (ideas, customs, etc.) —*vi.* to reproduce: said of plants or animals —**prop'a-ga'tion** *n.*

**pro-pane** (prō'pān') *n.* a gaseous hydrocarbon obtained from petroleum, used as a fuel

**pro-pel** (prə pel', prō-) *vt.* -*pelled'*, -*pel'ling* [[< L *pro-*, forward + *pellere*, to drive]] to drive onward or forward

**pro-pel'lant** or **pro-pel'lent** *n.* one that propels; specif., the fuel for a rocket

**pro-pel'ler** *n.* a device having two or more blades in a revolving hub, for propelling a ship or aircraft



**prop·en·si·ty** (prə pen'sə tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties [*< L propendere, hang forward*] a natural inclination or tendency

**prop·er** (prəp'ər) *adj.* [*< L proprius, one's own*] 1 specially suitable; appropriate; fitting 2 naturally belonging (*to*) 3 conforming to a standard; correct 4 decent; decorous 5 in the most restricted sense [*Chicago proper* (i.e., apart from its suburbs)] 6 designating a noun that names a specific individual, place, etc. (Ex.: *Bill, Paris*) —**prop'er·ly** *adv.*

**prop·er·ty** (prəp'ər tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties [*see prec.*] 1 ownership 2 something owned, esp. real estate 3 a characteristic or attribute 4 any of the movable articles used in a stage setting — **prop'er·tied** (-tēd) *adj.*

**prop'h·e·cy** (prəf'ə sē) *n.*, *pl.* -cies [*see PROPHET*] 1 prediction of the future, as by divine guidance 2 something predicted

**prop'h·e·sy'** (-sī') *vt.*, *vi.* -sied', -sy'ing 1 to predict as by divine guidance 2 to predict in any way

**prop'h·et** (prəf'it) *n.* [*< Gr pro-, before + phanai, speak*] 1 a religious leader regarded as, or claiming to be, divinely inspired 2 one who predicts the future — **prop'h·et·ess** *fem.n.*

**pro·phet·ic** (prə fet'ik, prō-) *adj.* 1 of or like a prophet 2 like or containing a prophecy — **pro·phet'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**pro·phy·lac·tic** (prōfə lak'tik) *adj.* [*< Gr pro-, before + phylassein, to guard*] preventive or protective; esp., preventing disease — *n.* 1 a prophylactic medicine, device, etc. 2 a condom

**pro'phy·lax'is** (-lak'sis) *n.*, *pl.* -lax'es' (-sēz') 1 prophylactic treatment 2 *Dentistry* a cleaning of the teeth to remove plaque and tartar

**pro·pin·qui·ty** (prō pin'kwə tē) *n.* [*< L propinquus, near*] nearness

**pro·pi·ti·ate** (prō pish'ē āt', prə-) *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*see fol.*] to win the good will of; appease — **pro·pi'ti·a'tion** *n.* — **pro·pi'ti·a·to'ry** (-ē ə tōr'ē) *adj.*

**pro·pi·tious** (prō pish'əs, prə-) *adj.* [*< L pro-, before + petere, seek*] 1 favorably inclined 2 favorable; auspicious

**prop'jet'** *n.* TURBOPROP

**pro·po·nent** (prə pō'nənt, prō-) *n.* [*see PROPOSE*] one who espouses or supports a cause, etc.

**pro·por·tion** (prə pōr'shən, prō-) *n.* [*< L pro, for + portio, a part*] 1 the comparative relation in size, amount, etc. between things; ratio 2 a part, share, etc. in its relation to the whole 3 balance or symmetry 4 [*pl.*] dimensions — *vt.* 1 to put in proper relation with something else 2 to arrange the parts of (a whole) so as to be harmonious — **pro·por'tion·al** or **pro·por'tion·ate** (-shə nit) *adj.*

**pro·pos·al** (prə pōz'əl) *n.* 1 a proposing 2 a proposed plan, etc. 3 an offer of marriage

**pro·pose** (prə pōz') *vt.* -posed', -pos'ing [*< L pro-, forth + ponere, to place*] 1 to put forth for consideration, approval, etc. 2 to plan or intend — *vi.* to offer marriage

**prop·o·si·tion** (prəp'ə zish'ən) *n.* 1 something proposed; plan 2 [*Inf.*] a proposed deal, as in business 3 [*Inf.*] an undertaking, etc. to be dealt with 4 a subject to be discussed 5 *Math.* a problem to be solved

**pro·pound** (prə pound', prō-) *vt.* [*see PROPOSE*] to put forward for consideration

**pro·pri·e·tar·y** (prə pri'ə tər ē, prō-) *adj.* [*see PROPERTY*] belonging to a proprietor, as under a patent, trademark, or copyright

**pro·pri·e·tor** *n.* an owner — **pro·pri·e·tor·ship'** *n.* — **pro·pri·e·tress** (-tris) *fem.n.*

**pro·pri·e·ty** (-tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties [*see PROPER*] 1 the quality of being proper, fitting, etc. 2 conformity with accepted standards of behavior

**pro·pul·sion** (prə pul'shən) *n.* [*see PROPEL*] 1 a propelling or being propelled 2 something that propels — **pro·pul'sive** *adj.*

**pro·rate** (prō rāt', prō'rāt') *vt.*, *vi.* -rat'ed, -rat'ing [*< L pro rata, in proportion*] to divide or assess proportionally

**pro·sa·ic** (prō zā'ik) *adj.* [*< L prosa, prose*] commonplace; dull

**pro·sce·ni·um** (prō sē'nē əm) *n.*, *pl.* -ni·ums or -ni·a (-ə) [*< Gr pro-, before + skēnē, tent*] in a theater, the plane separating the stage proper from the audience and including the arch (**proscenium arch**) and the curtain within it

**pro·scribe** (prō skrib') *vt.* -scribed', -scrib'ing [*< L < pro-, before + scribere, write*] 1 to outlaw 2 to banish; exile 3 to denounce or forbid the use, etc. of — **pro·scrip'tion** (-skrip'shən) *n.*

**prose** (prōz) *n.* [*< L prorsus, straight on*] ordinary language; writing that is not poetry

**pros·e·cute** (präs'ə kyoot') *vt.* -cut'ed, -cut'ing [*< L pro-, before + sequi, follow*] 1 to carry on 2 to conduct legal action against — **pros'e·cu'tion** *n.* — **pros'e·cu'tor** *n.* — **pros'e·cu·to'ri·al** *adj.*

**pros·e·lyte** (präs'ə lit') *n.* [*< Gr prosēlytos, a stranger*] one who has been converted from one religion, sect, etc. to another

**pros·e·lyt·ize** (präs'ə li tīz') *vi.*, *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing 1 to try to convert (a person), esp. to one's religion 2 to persuade to do or join something — **pros'e·lyt·ism'** (-li tīz'əm) *n.* — **pros'e·lyt·iz'er** *n.*

**pro·sim·i·an** (prō sim'ē ən) *n.* any of various small, arboreal primates

**pros·o·dy** (präs'ə dē) *n.* [*< Gr prosōidia, accent*] versification; study of meter, rhyme, etc.

**pros·pect** (präs'pekt') *n.* [*< L pro-, forward + specere, to look*] 1 a broad view; scene 2 a viewpoint; outlook 3 anticipation 4 a) something expected b) [*usually pl.*] apparent chance for success 5 a likely customer, candidate, etc. — *vi.* to explore or search (*for*) — **pros'pec'tor** *n.*

**pro·spec·tive** (prə spek'tiv, prā-, prō-) *adj.* expected; likely

**pro·spec'tus** (-spek'təs) *n.* [*L: see PROS-*



PECT] a statement of the features of a new work, enterprise, etc.

**pros-per** (präs'pär) *vi.* [*< L prospere, fortunately*] to succeed; thrive

**pros-per-i-ty** (präs per'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* prosperous condition; wealth

**pros-per-ous** (präs'pär əs) *adj.* 1 prospering; successful 2 wealthy — **pros-per-ous-ly** *adv.*

**pros-tate** (präs'tāt') *adj.* [*< Gr prostatēs, one standing before*] of or designating a gland surrounding the male urethra at the base of the bladder — *n.* this gland: in full **prostate gland**

**pros-the-sis** (präs thē'sis) *n., pl. -ses' (-sēz')* *Med.* 1 the replacement of a missing part of the body, as a limb, by an artificial substitute 2 such a substitute — **pros-thet'ic** (-thet'ik) *adj.*

**pros-ti-tute** (präs'tə tōt') *n.* [*< L pro-, before + statuere, cause to stand*] one who engages in promiscuous sexual activity for pay — *vt.* -tut'ed, -tut'ing 1 to offer (oneself) as a prostitute 2 to sell (oneself, one's talents, etc.) for base purposes — **pros'ti-tu'tion** *n.*

**pros-trate** (präs'trāt') *adj.* [*< L pro-, before + sternere, stretch out*] 1 lying face downward 2 lying prone or supine 3 laid low; overcome — *vt.* -trat'ed, -trat'ing 1 to lay flat on the ground 2 to lay low; subjugate — **pros-tra'tion** *n.*

**pros-y** (prō'zē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est prosaic; commonplace, dull, etc.

**pro-tag-o-nist** (prō tag'ə nist) *n.* [*< Gr prōtos, first + agōnistēs, actor*] the main character in a drama, novel, etc.

**pro-te-an** (prōt'ē ən, prō tē'an) *adj.* [*after Proteus, Gr god who changes his form*] readily taking on different forms

**pro-TECT** (prə tēkt', prō-) *vt.* [*< L pro-, before + tegere, to cover*] to shield from injury, danger, etc.; defend — **pro-TEC'tor** *n.*

**pro-TEC'tion** *n.* 1 a protecting or being protected 2 a person or thing that protects

**pro-TEC'tive** *adj.* 1 protecting 2 *Economics* intended to protect domestic industry from foreign competition [*a protective tariff*] — **pro-TEC'tive-ly** *adv.* — **pro-TEC'tive-ness** *n.*

**pro-TEC'tor-ate** (-tər it) *n.* a weak state under the protection and control of a strong state

**pro-té-gé** (prōt'ə zhā') *n.* [*Fr: see PROTECT*] a person guided and helped in his or her career by another person

**pro-te-in** (prō'tēn', prō'tē in) *n.* [*< Gr prōtos, first*] any of numerous nitrogenous substances occurring in all living matter and essential to diet

**pro tem-po-re** (prō tem'pə rē') [*L*] for the time (being); temporarily: shortened to **pro tem**

**pro-TEST** (prō test'; *also, and for n. always prō'test'*) *vt.* [*< L pro-, forth + testari, affirm*] 1 to state positively 2 to speak strongly against — *vi.* to express disapproval; object — *n.* 1 an objection 2 a formal statement of objection — **pro-tes-ta-tion** (prät'es tā'shən) *n.* — **pro'test'er** *n.*

**Prot-es-tant** (prät'əs tənt) *n.* [*see prec.*] any Christian not belonging to the Roman Catholic Church or the Eastern Orthodox Church — **Prot'es-tant-ism'** *n.*

**proto-** [*< Gr prōtos, first*] *combining form* 1 first in time, original 2 first in importance, chief

**pro-to-col** (prōt'ə kōl') *n.* [*< Gr prōtokolon, contents page*] 1 an original draft of a document, etc. 2 the code of ceremonial forms accepted as correct in official dealings, as between heads of state or diplomatic officials

**pro-ton** (prō'tän') *n.* [*< Gr prōtos, first*] an elementary particle in the nucleus of all atoms, carrying a unit positive charge of electricity

**pro-to-plasm** (prōt'ə plaz'am) *n.* [*see PROTO- & PLASMA*] a semifluid, viscous colloid, the essential living matter of all animal and plant cells — **pro'to-plas'mic** (-plaz'mik) *adj.*

**pro-to-type** (prōt'ə tīp') *n.* the first thing or being of its kind; model

**pro-to-zo-an** (prōt'ə zō'an) *n., pl. -zo'a (-ə)* [*< Gr prōtos, first + zōion, an animal*] any of various microscopic, single-celled animals: also **pro'to-zo'on'** (-än'), *pl. -zo'a (-ə)*

**pro-TRACT** (prō trakt', prə-) *vt.* [*< L pro-, forward + trahere, draw*] to draw out; prolong — **pro-trac'tion** *n.*

**pro-trac-tor** (prō'trak'tər) *n.* a graduated semicircular instrument for plotting and measuring angles

**pro-trude** (prō trōd', prə-) *vt., vi.* -trud'ed, -trud'ing [*< L pro-, forth + trudere, to thrust*] to jut out; project — **pro-tru'sion** (-trōō'zhən) *n.*

**pro-tu-ber-ance** (prō tōō'bər əns, prə-) *n.* a part or thing that protrudes; bulge — **pro-tu'ber-ant** *adj.*

**proud** (proud) *adj.* [*< LL prode, beneficial*] 1 having a proper pride in oneself 2 arrogant; haughty 3 feeling or causing great pride or joy 4 caused by pride 5 stately; splendid [*a proud fleet*] — **proud of** highly pleased with — **proud'ly** *adv.*

**proud flesh** [*from the notion of swelling up*] an abnormal growth of flesh around a healing wound

**Proust** (prōost), Marcel (mär sel') 1871-1922; Fr. novelist

**prove** (prōv) *vt.* **proved, proved or prov'en, prov'ing** [*< L probare, to test*] 1 to test by experiment, a standard, etc. 2 to establish as true — *vi.* to be found by experience or trial — **prov'a-bil'i-ty** *n.* — **prov'a-ble** *adj.*

**prov-e-nance** (präv'ə nəns) *n.* [*< L provenire, come forth*] origin; source

**Pro-ven-çal** (prō'vən sāl') *n.* 1 the vernacular of S France, a Romance language 2 the medieval literary language of S France

**prov-en-der** (präv'ən dər) *n.* [*< L praeberē, give*] 1 dry food for livestock 2 [*Inf.*] food

**prov-erb** (präv'ərb) *n.* [*< L pro-, PRO-<sup>2</sup> + verbum, word*] a short, traditional saying expressing an obvious truth — **pro-ver-bi-al** (prō vər'bē əl) *adj.*

**Prov'erbs** *n.* a book of the Bible contain-



ing maxims

**pro·vide** (prə vīd', prō-) *vt.* -vid'ed, -vid'ing [*< L pro-, PRO-<sup>2</sup> + videre, see*] 1 to make available; supply 2 to furnish (someone) *with* something 3 to stipulate —*vi.* 1 to prepare (*for* or *against* a possible situation, etc.) 2 to furnish support (*for*) —**pro·vid'er** *n.*

**pro·vid'ed** or **pro·vid'ing** *conj.* on the condition or understanding (*that*)

**prov·i·dence** (prāv'ə dəns) *n.* 1 provident management 2 the benevolent guidance of God or nature 3 [P-] God

**Prov·i·dence** (prāv'ə dəns) capital of Rhode Island: pop. 161,000

**prov'i·dent** (-dənt) *adj.* [see PROVIDE] 1 providing for the future 2 prudent or economical —**prov'i·dent·ly** *adv.*

**prov'i·den'tial** (-den'shəl) *adj.* of, by, or as if decreed by divine providence

**prov·ince** (prāv'ins) *n.* [*< L provincia*] 1 an administrative division of a country; specif., of Canada 2 *a)* a district; territory *b)* [*pl.*] the parts of a country removed from the major cities 3 range of duties or work; sphere

**pro·vin·cial** (prə vin'shəl, prō-) *adj.* 1 of a province 2 having the ways, speech, etc. of a certain province 3 countrylike; rustic 4 narrow; limited —**pro·vin'cial·ism** *n.*

**proving ground** a place for testing new equipment, new theories, etc.

**pro·vi·sion** (prə vizh'ən, prō-) *n.* 1 a providing or preparing 2 something provided for the future 3 [*pl.*] a stock of food 4 a stipulation; proviso —*vt.* to supply with provisions

**pro·vi'sion·al** *adj.* temporary —**pro·vi'sion·al·ly** *adv.*

**pro·vi·so** (prə vī'zō, prō-) *n., pl.* -sos' or -soes' [see PROVIDE] a condition or stipulation, or a clause making one

**prov·o·ca·tion** (prāv'ə kā'shən) *n.* 1 a provoking 2 something that provokes; incitement

**pro·voc·a·tive** (prə vāk'ə tiv, prō-) *adj.* provoking or tending to provoke, as to action, thought, or feeling —**pro·voc'a·tive·ly** *adv.*

**pro·voke** (prə vōk', prō-) *vt.* -voked', -vok'ing [*< L pro-, forth + vocare, to call*] 1 to excite to some action or feeling 2 to anger or irritate 3 to stir up (action or feeling) 4 to evoke —**pro·vok'er** *n.* —**pro·vok'ing** *adj.*

**pro·vost** (prō'vōst') *n.* [*< L praepositus, chief*] a high executive official, as in some colleges

**pro·vost guard** (prō'vō') a detail of military police under the command of an officer (provost marshal)

**pro·w** (prəu) *n.* [*< Gr prōira*] the forward part of a ship, etc.

**pro·w·ess** (prəu'is) *n.* [*< OFr prouesse*] 1 bravery; valor 2 superior ability, skill, etc.

**prowl** (prəul) *vi., vt.* [*< ?*] to roam about furtively (*in*), as in search of prey or loot —*n.* a prowling —**prowl'er** *n.*

**prowl car** PATROL CAR

**prox·im·i·ty** (prāk sim'ə tē) *n.* [*< L prope, near*] nearness

**prox·y** (prāk'sē) *n., pl.* -ies [*< ME*

*procuracie*, function of a procurator] 1 the authority to act for another, as in voting 2 one given such authority

**Pro·zac** (prō'zak') *trademark* for a drug used in treating depression, eating disorders, etc.

**prude** (prōd) *n.* [Fr *< prudefemme*, excellent woman] one who is overly modest or proper in behavior, dress, etc. —**prud'er·y** *n.* —**prud'ish** *adj.* —**prud'ish·ness** *n.*

**pru·dent** (prō'dənt) *adj.* [*< L providens, provident*] 1 exercising sound judgment in practical matters 2 cautious in conduct; not rash 3 managing carefully —**pru'dence** *n.* —**pru·den'tial** (prō den'shəl) *adj.*

**prune**<sup>1</sup> (prōn) *n.* [*< Gr proumnon, plum*] a dried plum

**prune**<sup>2</sup> (prōn) *vt.* pruned, prun'ing [*< OFr prooignier*] 1 to trim dead or living parts from (a plant) 2 to cut out (unnecessary parts, etc.)

**pru·ri·ent** (prūr'ē ənt) *adj.* [*< L prurire, to itch*] tending to excite lust; lewd —**pru'ri·ence** *n.*

**Prus·sia** (prush'ə) former kingdom in N Europe & later the dominant state of the German Empire (1871-1919) —**Prus'sian** *adj., n.*

**pry**<sup>1</sup> (prī) *n., pl.* pries [*< PRIZE<sup>2</sup>*] a lever or crowbar —*vt.* pried, pry'ing 1 to raise or move with a pry 2 to obtain with difficulty

**pry**<sup>2</sup> (prī) *vi.* pried, pry'ing [*< ?*] to look closely and inquisitively; snoop

**pry'er** *n.* PRIER

**PS** *abbrev.* Public School

**P.S., p.s., or PS** *abbrev.* postscript

**psalm** (sām) *n.* [*< Gr psallein, to pluck (a harp)*] 1 a sacred song or poem 2 [*usually P-*] any of the songs in praise of God constituting the Book of Psalms —**psalm'ist** *n.*

**Psalms** (sāmz) *n.* a book of the Bible consisting of 150 psalms

**Psal·ter** (sôl'tar) *n.* [*< Gr psaltērion, a harp*] 1 PSALMS 2 [*also p-*] a version of the Book of Psalms for use in religious services

**pseu·do** (sōō'dō) *adj.* [ME: see fol.] sham; false; spurious

**pseudo-** [*< Gr pseudein, deceive*] *com·bining form* sham, counterfeit

**pseu·do·nym** (sōō'də nim') *n.* [*< Gr pseudēs, false + onyma, a name*] a fictitious name, esp. one assumed by an author; pen name

**pshaw** (shō) *n., interj.* (an exclamation) used to express impatience, disgust, etc.

**psi**<sup>1</sup> (sī, psē) *n.* the 23d letter of the Greek alphabet (Ψ, ψ)

**psi**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* pounds per square inch

**psit·ta·co·sis** (sit'ə kō'sis) *n.* [*< Gr psit-takos, parrot + -OSIS*] a disease of birds, esp. parrots, often transmitted to humans

**pso·ri·a·sis** (sə rī'ə sis) *n.* [ult. *< Gr psōra, an itch*] a chronic skin disease characterized by scaly, reddish patches

**psst** (pst) *interj.* [Inf.] used to attract someone's attention quietly



**PST** *abbrev.* Pacific Standard Time

**psych**<sup>1</sup> (sīk) *vt.* **psyched**, **psych'ing** [**<** PSYCHOANALYZE] [*Slang*] 1 to outwit, overcome, etc. by psychological means: often with *out* 2 to prepare (oneself) psychologically: often with *up*

**psych**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* psychology

**psych-** *combining form* PSYCHO-

**psy-che** (sī'kē) *n.* [**<** Gr *psychē*] 1 the soul 2 the mind regarded as an entity based ultimately upon physical processes but with its own complex processes 3 [*P-Rom. Folklore*] the wife of Cupid

**psy-che-del-ic** (sī'kē del'ik) *adj.* [**<** prec. + Gr *dēloun*, make manifest] 1 of or causing extreme changes in the conscious mind, as hallucinations 2 of or associated with psychedelic drugs

**psy-chi-a-try** (sī kī'ə trē) *n.* [**<** see PSYCHO- & -IATRY] the branch of medicine dealing with disorders of the mind, including psychoses and neuroses —

**psy-chi-at-ric** (sī'kē a'trik) *adj.* — **psy'chi'a-trist** *n.*

**psy-chic** (sī'kik) *adj.* [**<** see PSYCHE] 1 of the psyche, or mind 2 beyond known physical processes 3 apparently sensitive to forces beyond the physical world Also **psy'chi-cal** —*n.* 1 a person apparently sensitive to nonphysical forces 2 a MEDIUM (*n.* 5) — **psy'chi-cal-ly** *adv.*

**psy-cho** (sī'kō) *adj., n.* [*Inf.*] *short for* PSYCHOTIC, PSYCHOPATHIC, and PSYCHOPATH

**psycho-** [**<** see PSYCHE] *combining form* the mind or mental processes

**psy-cho-a-nal-y-sis** (sī'kō ə nal'ə sis) *n.* a method of treating some mental disorders by analyzing repressed feelings, emotional conflicts, etc. through the use of free association, dream analysis, etc. — **psy'cho-an'a-lyst** (-an'ə list) *n.* — **psy'cho-an'a-lyze'** (-līz'), -lyzed', -lyz'ing, *vt.*

**psy'cho-bab'ble** (-bab'əl) *n.* [*Inf.*] talk or writing that uses psychological terms and concepts in a trite or superficial way

**psy'cho-gen'ic** (-jen'ik) *adj.* [**<** see PSYCHO- & GENESIS] originating in the mind or caused by mental conflicts

**psy-chol-o-gy** (sī kāl'ə jē) *n., pl. -gies* [**<** see PSYCHO- & -LOGY] 1 the science dealing with the mind and with mental and emotional processes 2 the science of human and animal behavior — **psy'cho-log'i-cal** (-kə lāj'i kəl) *adj.* — **psy-chol'o-gist** *n.*

**psy-cho-neu-ro-sis** (sī'kō nōō rō'sis) *n., pl. -ses'* (-sēz') NEUROSIS

**psy'cho-path'** (-path') *n.* [**<** see PSYCHO- & -PATHY] one who has a severe mental disorder and whose behavior is asocial — **psy'cho-path'ic** *adj.*

**psy-cho-sis** (sī kō'sis) *n., pl. -ses'* (-sēz') [**<** see PSYCHO- & -OSIS] a mental disorder in which the personality is seriously disorganized and contact with reality is usually impaired — **psy-chot'ic** (-kāt'ik) *adj.*

**psy'cho-so-mat'ic** (-sō mat'ik) *adj.* [**<** PSYCHO- + SOMATIC] designating or of a physical disorder brought on, or made

worse, by one's emotional state

**psy'cho-ther'a-py** (-ther'ə-pē) *n.* [**<** PSYCHO- + THERAPY] treatment of mental disorders by counseling, psychoanalysis, etc. — **psy'cho-ther'a-pist** *n.*

**pt** *abbrev.* 1 part 2 pint(s) 3 point

**Pt**<sup>1</sup> *abbrev.* 1 Point 2 Port

**Pt**<sup>2</sup> *Chem. symbol for platinum*

**PT** *abbrev.* Pacific Time

**PTA** *abbrev.* Parent-Teacher Association

**ptar-mi-gan** (tār'mi gən) *n.* [**<** Scot *tarmachan*] a grouse of northern regions

**ptero-** [**<** Gr *pteron*, wing] *combining form* feather, wing

**pter-o-dac-tyl** (ter'ə dak'təl) *n.* [**<** see prec. & DACTYL] an extinct flying reptile with wings of skin stretched from the hind limbs to the long digits of each forelimb

**Ptol-e-my** (tāl'ə mē) 2d c. A.D.; Greco-Egyptian astronomer & mathematician

**pto-maine** (tō'mān') *n.* [**<** Gr *ptōma*, corpse] an alkaloid substance, often poisonous, formed in decaying matter

**Pu** *Chem. symbol for plutonium*

**pub** (pub) *n.* [**<** *pub(lic house)*] [*Inf.*] a bar or tavern

**pu-ber-ty** (pyōō'bər tē) *n.* [**<** L *puber*, adult] the stage of physical development when sexual reproduction first becomes possible — **pu'ber-tal** *adj.*

**pu-bes-cent** (pyōō bes'ənt) *adj.* [**<** see prec.] reaching or having reached puberty — **pu-bes'cence** *n.*

**pu'bic** (-bik) *adj.* of or in the region of the genitals

**pub-lic** (pub'lik) *adj.* [*ult. <* L *populus*, the people] 1 of the people as a whole 2 for the use or benefit of all [*a public park*] 3 acting officially for the people [*a public prosecutor*] 4 known by, open to, or available to most or all people [*to make public, a public company*] —*n.* 1 the people as a whole 2 a specific part of the people [*the reading public*] —in **public** openly — **pub'lic-ly** *adv.*

**pub-li-can** (pub'li kən) *n.* 1 in ancient Rome, a tax collector 2 [*Brit.*] a saloon proprietor

**pub-li-ca-tion** (pub'li kā'shən) *n.* [**<** see PUBLISH] 1 public notification 2 the printing and distribution of books, magazines, etc. 3 something published, as a periodical or book

**public defender** an attorney employed at public expense to defend indigent people who are accused of crimes

**public domain** the condition of being free from copyright or patent

**pub-li-cist** (pub'lə sist) *n.* a person whose business is publicity

**pub-lic-i-ty** (pub lis'ə tē) *n.* 1 *a*) any information or action that brings a person, cause, etc. to public notice *b*) work concerned with such promotional matters 2 notice by the public

**pub-li-cize** (pub'lə siz') *vt. -cized', -ciz'ing* to give publicity to

**public relations** relations of an organization, etc. with the general public as through publicity

**public school** 1 in the U.S., an elemen-



tary or secondary school maintained by public taxes, free to students, and supervised locally 2 in England, a private boarding school

**public servant** a government official or a civil-service employee

**pub'lic-spir'it-ed** *adj.* having or showing zeal for the public welfare

**public utility** an organization supplying water, electricity, transportation, etc. to the public

**pub·lish** (pub'lish) *vt.* [*< L publicare*] 1 to make publicly known; announce 2 to issue (a printed work) for sale —*vi.* 1 to issue books, newspapers, printed music, etc. to the public 2 to write books, etc. that are published — **pub'lish·er** *n.*

**Puc-ci-ni** (pōō chē'nē), **Gia-co-mo** (jä'kō mō') 1858-1924; It. operatic composer

**puck** (puk) *n.* [*< dial. puck, to strike*] the hard rubber disk used in ice hockey

**puck·er** (puk'ər) *vt., vi.* [*< POKE<sup>2</sup>*] to gather into wrinkles or small folds —*n.* a wrinkle or small fold made by puckering

**puck-ish** (puk'ish) *adj.* [after *Puck*, elf in a Shakespeare play] mischievous

**pud·ding** (pood'in) *n.* [ME *puddyng*, a sausage] a soft, sweet food made of eggs, milk, fruit, etc.

**pud·dle** (pud'l) *n.* [dim. *< OE pudd*, a ditch] a small pool of water, esp. stagnant, spilled, or muddy water

**pud'dling** (-lin) *n.* the making of wrought iron from pig iron melted and stirred in an oxidizing atmosphere

**pudg·y** (puj'ē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [*< Scot pud*, belly] short and fat

**pueb·lo** (pweb'lō) *n., pl. -los* (-lōz) [Sp *< L populus*, people] an Amerindian communal village, as in the SW U.S., of terraced adobe dwellings

**pu·er·ile** (pyōō'ər əl, pyōōr'il') *adj.* [*< L puer*, boy] childish; silly —**pu'er-il'i-ty** *n.*

**Puer-to Ri-co** (pwer'tə rē'kō, pōr'-) island in the West Indies: a commonwealth associated with the U.S.: 3,427 sq. mi.; pop. 3,522,000; cap. San Juan —**Puer'to Ri'can** (-kən)

**puff** (puf) *n.* [OE *pyff*] 1 a short, sudden gust or expulsion of air, breath, smoke, etc. 2 a draw at a cigarette, etc. 3 a light pastry filled with whipped cream, etc. 4 a soft pad [a powder puff] 5 a book review, etc. giving undue praise —*vi.* 1 to blow in puffs 2 to breathe rapidly 3 to fill or swell (*out* or *up*) 4 to take puffs at a cigarette, etc. —*vt.* 1 to blow, smoke, etc. in or with puffs 2 to swell; inflate 3 to praise unduly —**puff'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.* — **puff'i-ness** *n.*

**puff'ball'** *n.* a fungus that bursts at the touch and discharges a brown powder

**puff'er** *n.* a small saltwater fish that can expand its body by swallowing water or air

**puf·fin** (puf'in) *n.* [ME *poffin*] a northern sea bird with a brightly colored, triangular beak.

**puff pastry** rich, flaky pastry made of many thin layers of dough

**pug** (pug) *n.* [*< ? Puck*: see PUCK] any of a breed of small, short-haired, snub-nosed dog

**pu·gil·ism** (pyōō'jə iz'əm) *n.* [L *pugil*, boxer] the sport of boxing —**pu'gil-ist** *n.* —**pu'gil-is'tic** *adj.*

**pug·na·cious** (pug nā'shəs) *adj.* [*< L pugnare*, to fight] eager and ready to fight; quarrelsome —**pug·na'cious-ly** *adv.* —**pug·nac'i-ty** (-nas'ə tē) *n.*

**pug nose** a short, thick, turned-up nose —**pug'-nosed'** *adj.*

**puke** (pyōōk) *n., vt., vi.* puked, puk'ing [*< ?*] [Inf.] VOMIT

**puk·ka** (puk'ə) *adj.* [Hindi *pakka*, ripe] 1 [Anglo-Ind.] first-rate 2 genuine; real

**pul·chri·tude** (pul'krə tōōd') *n.* [*< L pulcher*, beautiful] physical beauty

**pule** (pyōōl) *vi.* puled, pul'ing [echoic] to whimper or whine, as a sick or fretful child does

**pull** (pool) *vt.* [*< OE pullian*, to pluck] 1 to exert force on so as to move toward the source of the force 2 to pluck out [to pull a tooth] 3 to rip; tear 4 to strain (a muscle) 5 [Inf.] to carry out; perform [to pull a raid] 6 [Inf.] to restrain [to pull one's punches] 7 [Inf.] to draw out (a gun, etc.) —*vi.* 1 to exert force in dragging, tugging, or attracting something 2 to be capable of being pulled 3 to move (*away*, *ahead*, etc.) — *n.* -1 the act, force, or result of pulling; a tugging, attracting, etc. 2 a difficult, continuous effort 3 something to be pulled, as a handle 4 [Inf.] a) influence b) drawing power —**pull for** [Inf.] to cheer on —**pull off** [Inf.] to accomplish —**pull oneself together** to regain one's poise, etc. —**pull out** to depart or withdraw —**pull through** [Inf.] to get over (an illness, etc.) —**pull up** 1 to bring or come to a stop 2 to move ahead — **pull'er** *n.*

**pull'back'** *n.* a pulling back; esp., a planned military withdrawal

**pul·let** (pool'it) *n.* [ult. *< L pullus*, chicken] a young hen

**pul·ley** (pool'ē) *n., pl. -leys* [*< medieval Gr polos*, pivot] a small wheel with a grooved rim in which a rope, belt, etc. runs, as to raise weights or transmit power

**Pull·man** (pool'mən) *n.* [after G. M. Pullman (1831-97), U.S. inventor] a railroad car with convertible berths for sleeping: also **Pullman car**

**pull'out'** *n.* 1 a pulling out; esp. removal, withdrawal, etc. 2 something to be pulled out, as a magazine insert

**pull'o'ver** *adj.* that is put on by being pulled over the head —*n.* a pullover sweater, shirt, etc.

**pull'-up'** or **pull'up'** *n.* the act of chinning oneself

**pul·mo·nar·y** (pul'mə ner'ē) *adj.* [*< L pulmo*, lung] of the lungs

**pul·mo·tor** (pool'mō'tər) *n.* [*< L pulmo*, lung + MOTOR] an apparatus for applying artificial respiration

**pulp** (pulp) *n.* [*< L pulpa*, flesh] 1 a soft, moist, sticky mass 2 the soft, juicy part of a fruit or the pith inside a



plant stem 3 the soft, sensitive tissue in the center of a tooth 4 ground-up, moistened fibers of wood, rags, etc., used to make paper —**pulp'y**, **-i-er**, **-i-est**, **adj.**

**pul-pit** (pool'pit) *n.* [**< L** *pulpitum*, a stage] 1 a raised platform from which a member of the clergy preaches in a church 2 preachers collectively

**pul-sar** (pul'sär') *n.* [**< PULSE**] any of several celestial objects that emit radio waves at short, regular intervals

**pul-sate** (pul'sät') *vi.* **-sat'ed**, **-sat'ing** [**< L** *pulsare*, to beat] 1 to beat or throb rhythmically 2 to vibrate; quiver —**pul-sa'tion** *n.*

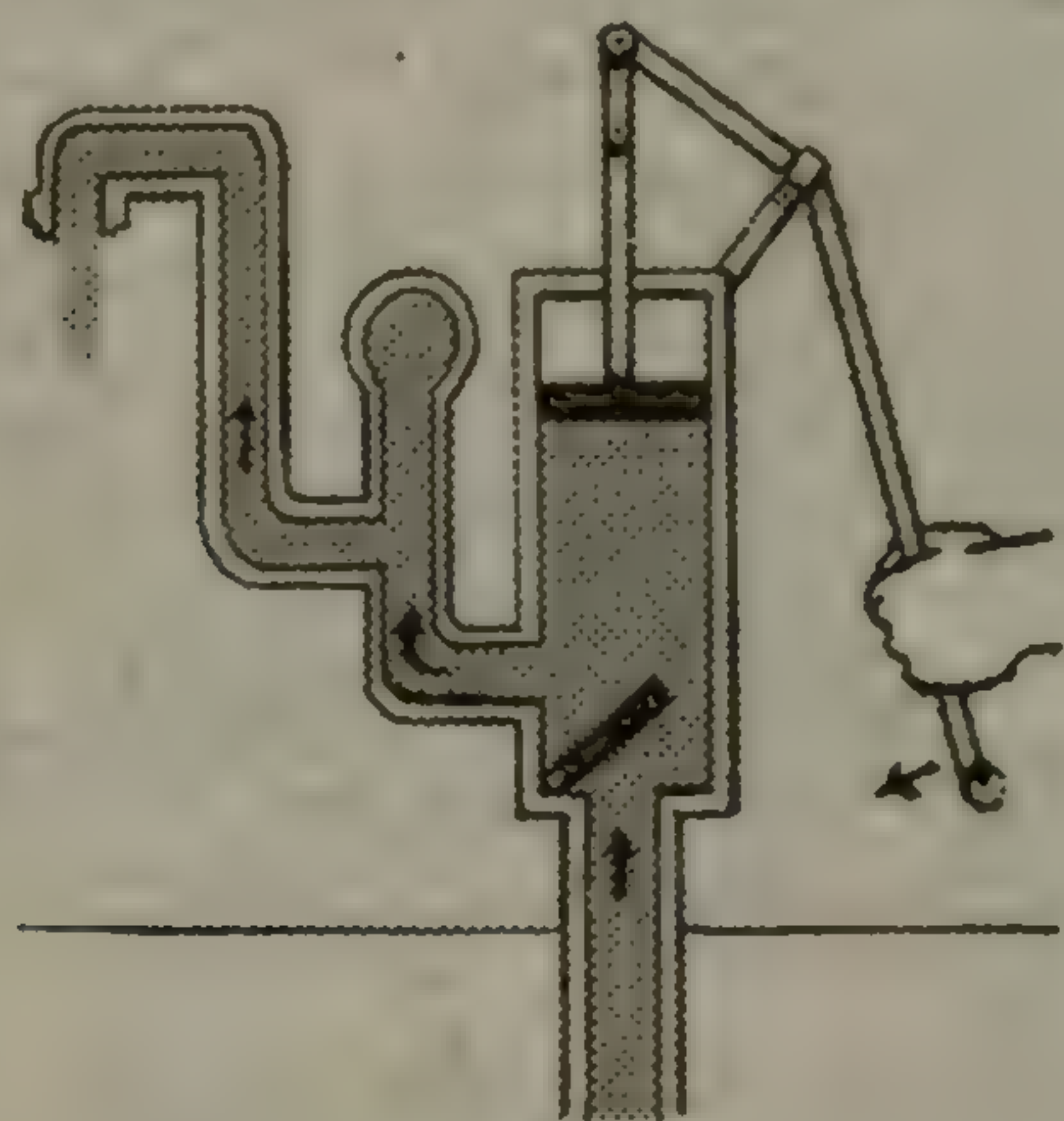
**pulse** (puls) *n.* [**< L** *pulsus*, a beating] 1 the regular beating in the arteries, caused by the contractions of the heart 2 any regular beat 3 a brief, abnormal burst or surge, as of electric current — *vi.* **pulsed**, **puls'ing** to pulsate; throb

**pul-ver-ize** (pul'vər iz') *vt.*, *vi.* **-ized'**, **-iz'ing** [**< L** *pulvis*, powder] to grind or be ground into powder

**pu-ma** (pyōō'mə) *n.* [**AmSp**] COUGAR

**pum-ice** (pum'is) *n.* [**< L** *pumex*] a light, porous volcanic rock used for scouring, polishing, etc.

**pum-mel** (pum'əl) *vt.* **-meled** or **-melled**, **-mel-ing** or **-mel-ling** [**< POMMEL**] to hit with repeated blows, esp. with the fist



WATER PUMP

**pump**<sup>1</sup> (pump) *n.* [**< Sp** *bomba*] a machine that forces a liquid or gas into, or draws it out of, something — *vt.* 1 to move (fluids) with a pump 2 to remove water, etc. from 3 to drive air into with a pump 4 to draw out, move up and down, pour forth, etc. as a pump does 5 [**Inf.**] to question persistently, or to elicit (information) by this —**pump'er** *n.*

**pump**<sup>2</sup> (pump) *n.* [**prob. < Fr** *pompe*, boot] a low-cut shoe without straps or ties

**pumped** *adj.* [**Slang**] full of confidence, enthusiasm, etc.

**pum-per-nick-el** (pum'pər nik'əl) *n.* [**Ger**] a coarse, dark rye bread

**pump-kin** (pump'kin) *n.* [**< Gr** *pepōn*, ripe] a large, round, orange-yellow, edible gourdlike fruit that grows on a vine

**pun** (pun) *n.* [**< ? It** *puntiglio*, fine point] the humorous use of a word, or of different words sounded alike, so as to play on the various meanings — *vi.*

**punned**, **pun'ning** to make puns

**punch**<sup>1</sup> (punch) *n.* [**ult. < L** *pungere*, to prick] a tool driven against a surface that is to be stamped, pierced, etc. — *vt.* 1 to pierce, stamp, etc. with a punch 2 to make (a hole) with or as with a punch

**punch**<sup>2</sup> (punch) *vt.* [**ME** *punchen*] 1 to prod with a stick 2 to herd (cattle) as by prodding 3 to strike with the fist — *n.* 1 a thrusting blow with the fist 2 [**Inf.**] effective force —**punch in** (or **out**) to record with a time clock one's arrival (or departure)

**punch**<sup>3</sup> (punch) *n.* [**Hindi** *pañca*, five] a sweet drink made with fruit juices, sherbet, etc., often mixed with wine or liquor

**punch'-drunk'** *adj.* confused, unsteady, etc., as from many blows to the head in boxing

**punch line** the surprise line carrying the point of a joke

**punch'y** *adj.* **-i-er**, **-i-est** [**Inf.**] 1 forceful; vigorous 2 PUNCH-DRUNK

**punc-til-i-ous** (punk til'ē əs) *adj.* [**see fol.**] 1 very careful about fine points of behavior 2 very exact; scrupulous

**punc-tu-al** (punk'chō əl) *adj.* [**< L** *punctus*, a point] on time; prompt —**punc'tu-al'i-ty** (-al'ə tē) *n.* —**punc'tu-al-ly** *adv.*

**punc'tu-ate'** (-āt') *vt.* **-at'ed**, **-at'ing** [**see prec.**] 1 to use standardized marks (punctuation marks), as the period and comma, in (written matter) to clarify meaning 2 to interrupt [a speech *punctuated* with applause] 3 to emphasize —**punc'tu-a'tion** *n.*

**punc-ture** (punk'chər) *n.* [**< L** *pungere*, pierce] 1 a piercing 2 a hole made by a sharp point — *vt.*, *vi.* **-tured**, **-tur-ing** to pierce or be pierced with or as with a sharp point

**pun-dit** (pun'dit) *n.* [**< Sans** *paṇḍita*] a person of great learning

**pun-gent** (pun'jənt) *adj.* [**< L** *pungere*, pierce] 1 producing a sharp sensation of taste and smell 2 sharp, biting, or stimulating [*pungent wit*] —**pun'gen-cy** *n.* —**pun'gent-ly** *adv.*

**pun-ish** (pun'ish) *vt.* [**< L** *punire*] 1 to cause to undergo pain, loss, etc., as for a crime 2 to impose a penalty for (an offense) —**pun'ish-a-ble** *adj.*

**pun'ish-ment** *n.* 1 a punishing or being punished 2 the penalty imposed 3 harsh treatment

**pu-ni-tive** (pyōō'ni tiv) *adj.* inflicting, or concerned with, punishment —**pu'ni-tive-ly** *adv.*

**punk**<sup>1</sup> (punk) *n.* [**prob. < SPUNK**] 1 decayed wood used as tinder 2 a fungous substance that smolders when ignited, used to light fireworks, etc.

**punk**<sup>2</sup> (punk) *n.* [**< ?**] 1 [**Slang**] a) a young hoodlum b) a young person regarded as inexperienced, insignificant, etc. 2 PUNK ROCK — *adj.* 1 [**Slang**] poor; inferior 2 of punk rock

**punk rock** a loud, fast, and deliberately offensive style of rock music

**pun-ster** (pun'stər) *n.* one who is fond of making puns

**punt**<sup>1</sup> (punt) *n.* [**< ? dial.** *bunt*, to kick] *Football* a kick in which the ball is



dropped and kicked before it hits the ground —*vt.*, *vi.* to kick (a football) in this way

**punt**<sup>2</sup> (punt) *n.* [*< L ponto*] a flat-bottomed boat with square ends —*vt.*, *vi.* to propel (a punt) with a long pole

**pu·ny** (pyōō'nē) *adj.* -*ni-er*, -*ni-est* [*< OFr puis*, after + *né*, born] of inferior size, strength, or importance —**pu'ni-ness** *n.*

**pup** (pup) *n.* 1 a young dog; puppy 2 a young fox, seal, etc.

**pu·pā** (pyōō'pā) *n.*, *pl.* -*pae* (-pē) or -*pas* [*< L*, a doll] an insect in the stage between the last larval form and the adult form

**pu·pil**<sup>1</sup> (pyōō'pəl) *n.* [*< L pupillus*, a ward] a person taught under the supervision of a teacher or tutor

**pu·pil**<sup>2</sup> (pyōō'pəl) *n.* [*< L pupilla*, figure reflected in the eye] the contractile circular opening, apparently black, in the center of the iris of the eye

**pup·pet** (pup'ət) *n.* [*< L pupa*, a doll] 1 a small figure, as of a person, moved by strings or the hands, as in a performance (puppet show) 2 one whose actions, ideas, etc. are controlled by another —**pup'pet-ry** *n.*

**pup'pet-er**' (-ə tir') *n.* one who operates, designs, etc. puppets

**pup·py** (pup'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -*pies* [*< medieval Fr popee*, a doll] a young dog

**pup tent** a small, portable tent

**pur·blind** (pər'blind') *adj.* [*ME pur blind*, quite blind] 1 partly blind 2 slow in understanding

**pur·chase** (pər'chəs) *vt.* -*chased*, -*chas-ing* [*< OFr pour*, for + *chacier*, to chase] to buy —*n.* 1 anything bought 2 the act of buying 3 a firm hold applied to move something heavy or to keep from slipping —**pur'chas-a-ble** *adj.* —**pur'chas-er** *n.*

**pure** (pyoor) *adj.* *pur'er*, *pur'est* [*< L purus*] 1 free from anything that adulterates, taints, etc.; unmixed 2 simple; mere 3 utter; absolute 4 faultless 5 blameless 6 virgin or chaste 7 abstract or theoretical [*pure physics*] —**pure'ly** *adv.* —**pure'ness** *n.*

**pure'bred**' *adj.* belonging to a recognized breed with genetic attributes maintained through generations of unmixed descent —*n.* a purebred animal or plant

**pu·rée** or **pu·ree** (pyoo rā') *n.* [*Fr*: see **PURE**] 1 cooked food pressed through a sieve or whipped in a blender to a soft, smooth consistency 2 a thick soup made with this —*vt.* -*réed*' or -*reed*', -*rée'ing* or -*ree'ing* to make a purée of

**pur·ga·tive** (pər'gə tiv) *adj.* purging —*n.* a purging substance; cathartic

**pur·ga·to·ry** (pər'gə tōr'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -*ries* [*see fol.*] [*often P-*] *Theol.* a state or place after death, in some Christian doctrine, for expiating sins by suffering —**pur'ga-to'ri-al** *adj.*

**purge** (pərj) *vt.* *purged*, *purg'ing* [*< L purus*, clean + *agere*, do] 1 to cleanse of impurities, etc. 2 to cleanse of sin 3 to rid (a nation, party, etc.) of (individuals held to be disloyal) 4 to empty (the bowels) —*n.* 1 a purging 2 that which purges; esp., a cathartic —**purg'er** *n.*

**pu·ri·fy** (pyoor'ə fi') *vt.* -*fied*', -*fy'ing* [*see PURE & -FY*] 1 to rid of impurities, etc. 2 to free from guilt, sin, etc. —*vi.* to become purified —**pu'ri-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**Pu·rim** (poor'im) *n.* [*Heb*] a Jewish holiday commemorating Esther's deliverance of the Jews from a massacre

**pu·rine** (pyoor'en, -in) *n.* [*Ger purin*] 1 a colorless, crystalline organic compound, from which is derived a group of compounds including uric acid and caffeine 2 a purine derivative, as adenine

**pur·ism** (pyoor'izəm) *n.* strict or excessive observance of precise usage or formal rules in language, style, etc. —**pur'ist** *n.*

**Pu·ri·tan** (pyoor'i tən) *n.* [*see fol.*] 1 a member of a group in 16th-17th-c. England and America that wanted to make the Church of England simpler in its forms and stricter about morality 2 [*p-*] a person regarded as excessively strict in morals and religion —**pu'ri-tan'i-cal** (-tan'i kəl) *adj.* —**Pu'ri-tan-ism'** or **pu'ri-tan-ism'** *n.*

**pu'ri·ty** (-tē) *n.* [*< LL puritas*] a being pure; specif., *a*) freedom from adulterating matter *b*) cleanness *c*) freedom from sin; chastity

**purl**<sup>1</sup> (pərl) *vi.* [*< ? Scand*] to move in ripples or with a murmur —*n.* the sound of purling water

**purl**<sup>2</sup> (pərl) *vt.*, *vi.* [*earlier pirl*, prob. ult. *< It*] to invert (stitches) in knitting

**pur·lieu** (pərl'yōō') *n.* [*< OFr pur-*, through + *aler*, go] 1 [*pl.*] environs 2 an outlying part

**pur·loin** (pər loin', pər'lōin') *vt.*, *vi.* [*< OFr pur-*, for + *loin*, far] to steal

**pur·ple** (pər'pəl) *n.* [*ult. < Gr porphyra*, shellfish yielding a dye] 1 a dark bluish red 2 crimson cloth or clothing, esp. as a former emblem of royalty —*adj.* 1 bluish-red 2 imperial 3 ornate [*purple prose*] 4 profane or obscene

**pur·port** (pər pōrt'; *for n.* pər'pōrt') *vt.* [*< OFr por-*, forth + *porter*, to bear] 1 to profess or claim as its meaning 2 to give the appearance, often falsely, of being, intending, etc. —*n.* 1 meaning; sense 2 intention —**pur-port'ed** *adj.* —**pur-port'ed-ly** *adv.*

**pur·pose** (pər'pəs) *vt.*, *vi.* -*posed*, -*pos-ing* [*see PROPOSE*] to intend or plan —*n.* 1 something one intends to get or do; aim 2 determination 3 the object for which something exists or is done —**on purpose** by design; intentionally —**pur'pose-ful** *adj.* —**pur'pose-less** *adj.*

**pur'pose-ly** *adv.* with a definite purpose; intentionally; deliberately

**pur'pos·ive** *adj.* serving or having a purpose

**purr** (pər) *n.* [*echoic*] a low, vibratory sound made by a cat at ease —*vi.*, *vt.* to make, or express by, such a sound

**purse** (pərs) *n.* [*< Gr byrsa*, a hide] 1 a small bag for carrying money 2 finances; money 3 a sum of money for a present or prize 4 a woman's handbag —*vt.* *pursed*, *purs'ing* to draw (the lips) tightly, as in disapproval

**purs·er** (pər'sər) *n.* [*ME*, purse-bearer]



a ship's officer in charge of accounts, tickets, etc.

**pur·su·ance** (pər sū'əns) *n.* a pursuing of a project, plan, etc.

**pur·su·ant** *adj.* [Now Rare] pursuing — **pursuant to** in accordance with

**pur·sue** (pər sū') *vt.* **-sued'**, **-su'ing** [*< L pro-, forth + sequi, follow*] 1 to follow in order to overtake or capture; chase 2 to follow (a specified course, action, etc.) 3 to strive for 4 to continue to annoy — **pur·su·er** *n.*

**pur·suit** (-sūt') *n.* 1 a pursuing 2 an occupation, interest, etc.

**pu·ru·lent** (pyūr'ə lənt) *adj.* [*< L pus, pus*] of, like, or discharging pus — **pu'ru·lence** *n.*

**pur·vey** (pər vā') *vt.* [*see PROVIDE*] to supply (esp. food) — **pur·vey'or** *n.*

**pur·view** (pər'vyū) *n.* [*< OFr pourveü, provided*] scope or extent, as of control or activity

**pus** (pus) *n.* [*L*] the yellowish-white liquid matter produced by an infection

**push** (poosh) *vt.* [*< L pulsare, to beat*] 1 to press against so as to move 2 to press or urge on 3 to urge the use, sale, etc. of — *n.* 1 a pushing 2 a vigorous effort 3 an advance against opposition 4 [*Inf.*] aggressiveness; drive

**push button** a small knob pushed to operate something, as with electricity

**push'er** *n.* 1 one that pushes 2 [*Slang*] one who sells drugs, esp. narcotics, illegally

**push'o'ver** *n.* [*Slang*] 1 anything very easy to do 2 one easily persuaded, defeated, etc.

**push'up** or **push'up'** *n.* an exercise in which a prone person, with hands under shoulders, raises the body by pushing down on the palms

**push'y** *adj.* **-i·er**, **-i·est** [*Inf.*] annoyingly aggressive and persistent — **push'i·ness** *n.*

**pu·sil·lan·i·mous** (pyū'si lan'ə məs) *adj.* [*< L pusillus, tiny + animus, the mind*] timid; cowardly — **pu'sil·la·nim'i·ty** (-si lə nim'ə tē) *n.*

**puss** (poos) *n.* [*< ?*] a cat: also **puss'y·cat'** or **puss'y**, *pl.* **-ies**

**puss'y·foot'** *vi.* [*Inf.*] 1 to move with stealth or caution, like a cat 2 to avoid committing oneself

**pussy willow** a willow bearing silvery, velvetlike catkins

**pus·tule** (pus'chūl') *n.* [*L pustula*] a pus-filled blister or pimple

**put** (poot) *vt.* **put**, **put'ting** [*< or akin to OE potian, to push*] 1 *a*) to thrust; drive *b*) to propel with an overhand thrust [*to put the shot*] 2 to cause to be in a certain place, condition, relation, etc.; place; set 3 to impose (a tax, etc.) 4 to attribute; ascribe 5 to express [*put it plainly*] 6 to present for decision [*put the question*] 7 to bet (money) *on* — *n.* *Finance* an option to sell a stock, etc. — *adj.* [*Inf.*] fixed [*stay put*] — **put across** [*Inf.*] to cause to be understood or accepted — **put aside** (or *by*) to reserve for later use — **put down** 1 to crush;

repress 2 to write down 3 [*Slang*] to belittle or humiliate — **put in** for to apply for — **put it** (or something) **over on** [*Inf.*] to deceive; trick — **put off** 1 to postpone; delay 2 to evade; divert — **put on** 1 to clothe oneself with 2 to pretend 3 to stage (a play) 4 [*Slang*] to fool; hoax — **put out** 1 to expel; dismiss 2 to extinguish (a fire or light) 3 to inconvenience 4 *Baseball* to retire (a batter or runner) — **put through** 1 to carry out 2 to cause to do or undergo — **put up** 1 to offer 2 to preserve (fruits, etc.) 3 to build 4 to provide lodgings for 5 to provide (money) 6 to arrange (the hair) with curlers, etc. 7 [*Inf.*] to incite to some action — **put up with** to tolerate

**pu·ta·tive** (pyūt'ə tiv) *adj.* [*< L putare, suppose*] generally considered or deemed such; reputed

**put'-down'** *n.* [*Slang*] a belittling remark or crushing retort

**Pu·tin** (pū'tən), **Vlad·i·mir** (vlad'ə mir) 1952- ; president of Russia (2000- )

**put'-on'** *n.* [*Slang*] a hoax

**pu·tre·fy** (pyū'trə fī') *vt.*, *vi.* **-fied'**, **-fy'ing** [*see PUTRID & -FY*] to make or become putrid; rot — **pu'tre·fac'tion** (-fak'shən) *n.*

**pu·tres·cent** (pyū tres'ənt) *adj.* putrefying; rotting — **pu·tres'cence** *n.*

**pu·trid** (pyū'trid) *adj.* [*< L putrere, to rot*] rotten and foul-smelling

**putt** (put) *n.* [*< PUT, v.*] *Golf* a shot which attempts to roll the ball into the hole — *vt.*, *vi.* to hit (the ball) in making a putt

**putt·er**<sup>1</sup> (put'ər) *n.* *Golf* a short, straight-faced club used in putting

**put·ter**<sup>2</sup> (put'ər) *vi.* [*< OE potian, to push*] to busy oneself in an ineffective or aimless way (with *along, around, etc.*) — *vt.* to fritter (*away*)

**put·ty** (put'ē) *n.* [*Fr potée, lit., potful*] a soft, plastic mixture of powdered chalk and linseed oil, used to fill small cracks, etc. — *vt.* **-tied**, **-ty·ing** to cement or fill with putty

**put'-up'** *adj.* [*Inf.*] planned secretly beforehand

**puz·zle** (puz'əl) *vt.* **-zled**, **-zling** [*< ?*] to perplex; bewilder — *vi.* 1 to be perplexed 2 to exercise one's mind, as over a problem — *n.* 1 something that puzzles 2 a toy or problem for testing skill or ingenuity — **puzzle out** to solve by deep study — **puz'zle·ment** *n.* — **puz'zler** *n.*

**PVC** *n.* [*p(oly)v(inyl) c(hloride)*] a type of polymer used in packaging materials, plumbing, etc.

**Pvt** *abbrev. Mil.* Private

**PX** *service mark* for a general store at an army base

**Pyg·my** (pig'mē) *n.*, *pl.* **-mies** [*< Gr pygmaios, of a forearm's length*] 1 a member of any of several groups of African or Asian peoples of small stature 2 [*p-*] a dwarf — *adj.* 1 of the Pygmies 2 [*p-*] very small

**py·ja·mas** (pə jə'məz, -jam'əz) *pl. n.* *Brit. sp. of PAJAMAS*

**py·lon** (pī'lən') *n.* [*Gr pylōn, gateway*] 1 a gateway, as of an Egyptian temple



2 a towerlike structure supporting electric lines, marking a flight course, etc.

**py·lo·rus** (pī lōr'əs) *n.*, *pl.* -ri (-rī) [*<* Gr *pylōros*, gatekeeper] the opening from the stomach into the duodenum —**py·lor'ic** *adj.*

**py·or·rhe·a** (pī'ə rē'ə) *n.* [*<* Gr *pyon*, pus + *rheein*, to flow] a periodontal infection with formation of pus and loosening of teeth —**py'or·rhe'al** *adj.*

**pyr·a·mid** (pir'ə mid) *n.* [*<* Gr *pyramis*] 1 a huge structure with a square base and four triangular sides meeting at the top, as a royal tomb of ancient Egypt 2 *Geom.* a solid figure with a polygonal base, the sides of which form the bases of triangular surfaces meeting at a common vertex —**py·ram·i·dal** (pi ram'i dəl) *adj.*

**pyre** (pīr) *n.* [*<* Gr *pyr*, fire] a pile of wood on which a dead body is burned in funeral rites

**Pyr·e·nees** (pir'ə nēz') mountain range between France & Spain

**py·ret·ic** (pī ret'ik) *adj.* [*<* Gr *pyretos*, fever] of, causing, or characterized by fever

**Py·rex** (pī'reks') [arbitrary coinage *<* *pie*] trademark for a heat-resistant

glassware used for cooking, lab work, etc.

**py·rite** (pī'rīt') *n.*, *pl.* **py·ri·tes** (pi rīt'ēz', pī'rīts') [*<* Gr *pyritēs*, flint] iron sulfide, a lustrous yellow mineral used as a source of sulfur

**pyro-** [*<* Gr *pyr*, fire] combining form fire, heat

**py·ro·ma·ni·a** (pī'rə mā'nē ə) *n.* [ModL: see prec. & -MANIA] a compulsion to start destructive fires —**py'ro·ma'ni·ac** *n.*, *adj.*

**py·ro·tech·nics** (pī'rə tek'niks) *pl.n.* [*<* Gr *pyr*, fire + *technē*, art] 1 a display of fireworks 2 a dazzling display, as of wit

**Pyr·rhic victory** (pir'ik) [after *Pyrrhus*, Gr king who won such victories over the Romans, 280 and 279 B.C.] a too costly victory

**Py·thag·o·ras** (pi thag'ə rəs) 6th c. B.C.; Gr. philosopher & mathematician —**Py·thag'o·re'an** (-ə rē'an) *adj.*, *n.*

**py·thon** (pī'thän', -thən) *n.* [*<* Gr *Pythōn*, a serpent slain by Apollo] a large, nonpoisonous snake of Asia, Africa, and Australia, that squeezes its prey to death

## Q

**q<sup>1</sup> or Q** (kyōō) *n.*, *pl.* **q's, Q's** the 17th letter of the English alphabet

**q<sup>2</sup> abbrev.** 1 quart 2 question

**Qa·tar** (kā tär') country on a peninsula of E Arabia, on the Persian Gulf: 4,416,000 sq. mi.; pop. 369,000

**QC** Quebec

**Q.E.D. or q.e.d. abbrev.** [L *quod erat demonstrandum*] which was to be demonstrated or proved

**qt abbrev.** quart(s)

**q.t. n.** [*<* *q(ue)t*] [Inf.] quiet: chiefly in on the q.t., secretly: also Q.T.

**qua** (kwā, kwä) *prep.* [L *<* *qui*, who] in the function or character of; as [the President *qua* Commander in Chief]

**quack<sup>1</sup>** (kwak) *vi.* [echoic] to utter the sound or cry of a duck —*n.* this sound

**quack<sup>2</sup>** (kwak) *n.* [ult. *<* MDu *quacken*, to brag] 1 a person who practices medicine fraudulently 2 one who falsely pretends to have knowledge or a skill —*adj.* fraudulent —**quack'er·y** *n.*

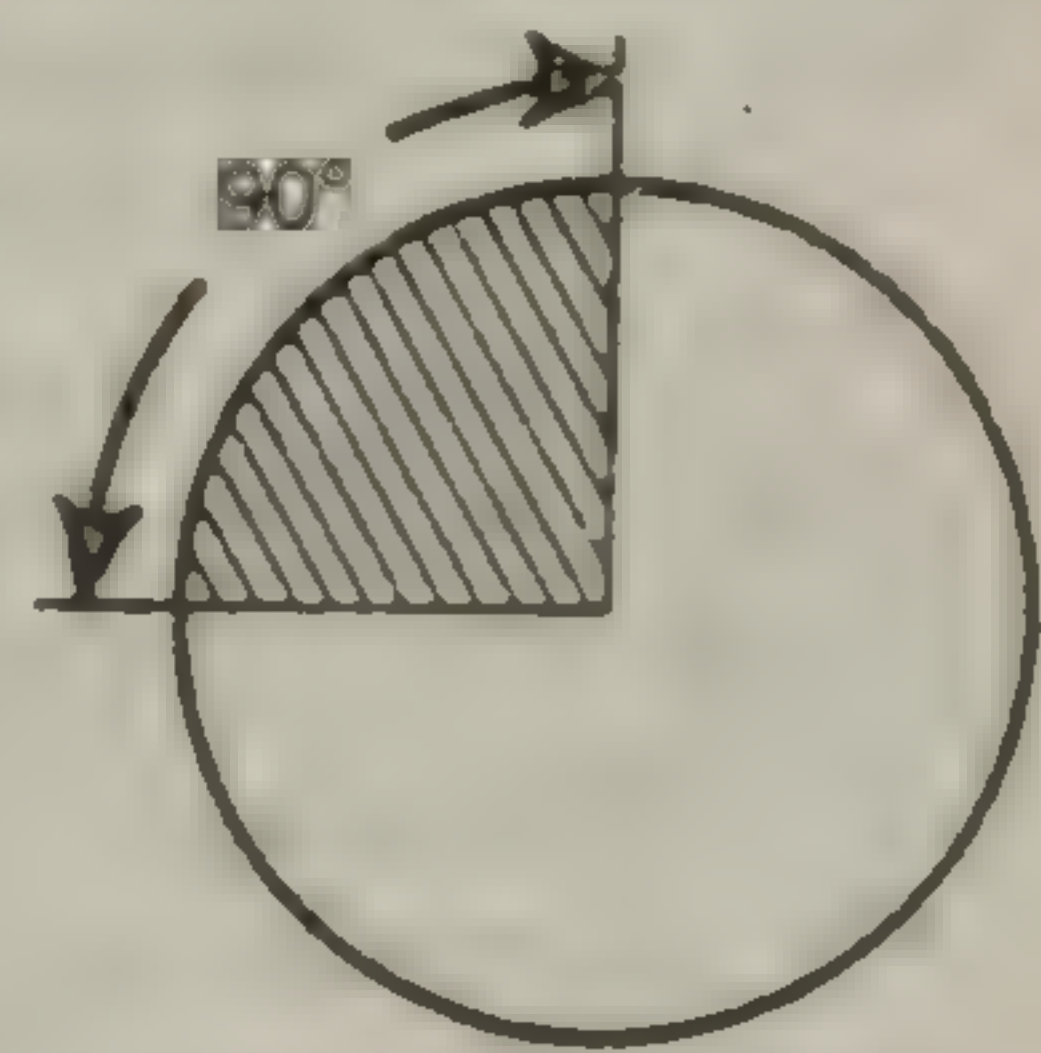
**quad<sup>1</sup>** (kwäd) *n.* short for: 1 QUADRANGLE 2 QUADRUPLET

**quad<sup>2</sup> abbrev.** 1 quadrangle 2 quadrant 3 quadruplicate

**quad·ran·gle** (kwä'dran'gəl) *n.* [see QUADRI- & ANGLE<sup>1</sup>] 1 *Geom.* a plane figure with four angles and four sides 2 an area surrounded on its four sides by buildings —**quad·ran'gu·lar** *adj.*

**quad·rant** (kwä'drənt) *n.* [*<* L *quad-*

*rans*, fourth part] 1 an arc of 90° 2 a quarter section of a circle 3 an instrument formerly used in measuring angular elevation and altitude in navigation, etc.



QUADRANT

**quad·rat·ic** (kwä drat'ik) *adj.* Algebra involving a quantity or quantities that are squared but none that are raised to a higher power

**quad·ren·ni·al** (kwä dren'ē əl) *adj.* [*<* L *quadri-* (see fol.) + *annus*, year] 1 happening every four years 2 lasting four years

**quadri-** [L *<* *quattuor*, four] combining form four, four times

**quad·ri·ceps** (kwä'dri seps') *n.* [*<* prec. + L *caput*, the head] a muscle with four points of origin; esp., the large muscle at the front of the thigh

**quad·ri·lat·er·al** (kwä'dri lat'ər əl) *adj.* [see QUADRI- & LATERAL] four-sided —*n. Geom.* a plane figure having four sides and four angles

**qua·drille** (kwə dril', kwä-) *n.* [Fr: ult. *<* L *quadra*, a square] a square dance performed by four couples

**quad·ri·ple·gi·a** (kwä'dri plē'jē ə, -jə) *n.* [ModL *<* QUADRI- + Gr *plēgē*, a stroke] total paralysis of the body from the neck down —**quad'ri·ple'gic** (-plē'jik) *adj.*, *n.*

**quad·ru·ped** (kwä'drōō ped') *n.* [*<* L *quadru-*, four + *pes*, foot] an animal, esp. a mammal, with four feet



**quad·ru·ple** (kwä drōō'pəl) *adj.* [*< L quadru-, four + -plus, -fold*] 1 consisting of four 2 four times as much or as many —*n.* an amount four times as much or as many —*vt., vi.* -pled, -pling to make or become four times as much or as many

**quad·ru·plet** (kwä drōō'plit, -drup'lit) *n.* 1 any of four offspring from the same pregnancy 2 a collection or group of four, usually of one kind

**quad·ru·pli·cate** (kwä drōō'pli kāt'; for *adj. & n., -kit, -kāt'*) *vt.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing to make four identical copies of —*adj.* 1 fourfold 2 being the last of four identical copies —*n.* any one of such copies —in quadruplicate in four such copies —quad·ru·pli·ca'tion *n.*

**quaff** (kwäf, kwaf) *vt., vi.* [*prob. < LowG quassen, overindulge*] to drink deeply and heartily —*n.* a quaffing

**quag·mire** (kwag'mir') *n.* [*quag, a bog + MIRE*] wet, boggy ground

**qua·hog** or **qua·haug** (kō'häg') *n.* [*AmInd*] an edible clam of the E coast of North America

**quail**<sup>1</sup> (kwāl) *vi.* [*prob. < L coagulare, coagulate*] to recoil in fear

**quail**<sup>2</sup> (kwāl) *n.* [*< OFr quaille*] a small, short-tailed bird resembling a partridge

**quaint** (kwānt) *adj.* [*< OFr cointe < L cognitus, known*] 1 pleasingly odd or old-fashioned 2 unusual; curious 3 fanciful; whimsical —quaint'ly *adv.* —quaint'ness *n.*

**quake** (kwāk) *vi.* quaked, quak'ing [*< OE cwacian*] 1 to tremble or shake 2 to shiver, as from fear or cold —*n.* 1 a shaking or tremor 2 an earthquake —quak'y, -i·er, -i·est, *adj.*

**Quak·er** (kwā'kər) *n.* [*< founder's admonition to "quake" at the word of the Lord*] name for a member of the SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

**qual·i·fi·ca·tion** (kwōl'ə fi kā'shən) *n.* 1 a qualifying or being qualified 2 a restriction; limiting condition 3 any skill, etc. that fits one for a job, office, etc.

**qual·i·fied** (kwōl'ə fid') *adj.* 1 fit; competent 2 limited; modified

**qual'i·fi'er** (-fi'ər) *n.* 1 one that qualifies 2 an adjective or adverb

**qual'i·fy'** (-fi') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [*< L qualis, of what kind + facere, make*] 1 to make fit for a job, etc. 2 to make legally capable 3 to modify; restrict 4 to moderate; soften —*vi.* to be or become qualified

**qual'i·ta'tive** (-tāt'iv) *adj.* having to do with quality or qualities —qual'i·ta'tive·ly *adv.*

**qual'i·ty** (-tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*< L qualis, of what kind*] 1 a characteristic element or attribute 2 basic nature; kind 3 the degree of excellence of a thing 4 excellence —*adj.* of high quality

**qualm** (kwām) *n.* [*OE cwealm, disaster*] 1 a sudden, brief feeling of sickness, faintness, etc. 2 a doubt; misgiving 3 a twinge of conscience

**quan·da·ry** (kwän'də rē, -drē) *n., pl. -ries* [*prob. < L*] a state of uncertainty;

dilemma

**quan·ti·fy** (kwänt'ə fi') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [*< L quantus, how much + facere, make*] 1 to determine or express the quantity of 2 to express as a quantity or number —quan'ti·fi'er *n.*

**quan'ti·ta'tive** (-tāt'iv) *adj.* having to do with quantity

**quan'ti·ty** (-tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*< L quantus, how great*] 1 an amount; portion 2 any indeterminate bulk or number 3 [*also pl.*] a great amount 4 that property by which a thing can be measured 5 a number or symbol expressing this property

**quan·tum** (kwän'təm) *n., pl. -ta* (-tə) [*L, how much*] *Physics* a fixed, elemental unit of energy: the quantum theory states that energy is radiated discontinuously in quanta

**quantum jump** (or leap) a sudden, extensive change

**quar·an·tine** (kwôr'an tēn) *n.* [*< L quadraginta, forty*] 1 the period, orig. 40 days, during which a vessel suspected of carrying contagious disease is detained in port 2 any isolation imposed to keep contagious diseases, etc. from spreading —*vt.* -tined', -tin'ing to place under quarantine

**quark** (kwôrk) *n.* [*arbitrary coinage*] any of a set of elementary particles that bind together to form protons, neutrons, mesons, etc.

**quar·rel** (kwôr'əl) *n.* [*< L queri, complain*] 1 a cause for dispute 2 a dispute, esp. an angry one —*vi.* -reled or -relled, -rel·ing or -rel·ing 1 to find fault 2 to dispute heatedly 3 to have a breach in friendship —quar'rel·er or quar'rel·ler *n.* —quar'rel·some *adj.*

**quar·ry**<sup>1</sup> (kwôr'ē) *n., pl. -ries* [*< OFr cuiree, parts of prey fed to dogs*] an animal, etc. being hunted

**quar·ry**<sup>2</sup> (kwôr'ē) *n., pl. -ries* [*< L quadrare, to square*] a place where stone, slate, etc. is excavated —*vt.* -ried, -ry·ing to excavate from a quarry

**quart** (kwôrt) *n.* [*< L quartus, fourth*] 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  gallon in liquid measure 2  $\frac{1}{8}$  peck in dry measure

**quar'ter** (-ər) *n.* [*< L quartus, fourth*] 1 a fourth of something 2 a) one fourth of a year b) any of the three terms of about eleven weeks each in an academic year 3 one fourth of an hour 4 one fourth of a dollar; 25 cents, or a coin of this value 5 any leg of a four-legged animal, with the adjoining parts 6 a particular district or section 7 [*pl.*] lodgings 8 mercy granted to a surrendering foe 9 a particular source [news from high quarters] —*vt.* 1 to divide into four equal parts 2 to provide lodgings for —*adj.* constituting a quarter —at close quarters close together

**quar'ter·back'** *n.* *Football* the offensive back who calls the play, passes the ball, etc.

**quar'ter·deck'** *n.* the after part of the upper deck of a ship, usually for officers

**quar'ter·fi·nal** *adj.* coming just before the semifinals —*n.* a quarterfinal match, etc.

**quarter horse** [*< its speed in a*



**quarter-mile sprint** any of a breed of muscular, solid-colored horse

**quar'ter-ly** *adj.* occurring regularly four times a year —*adv.* once every quarter of the year —*n., pl.* -lies a publication issued every three months

**quar'ter-mas'ter** *n.* 1 *Mil.* an officer who provides troops with quarters, clothing, equipment, etc. 2 *Naut.* a petty officer or mate involved in steering and navigating a ship

**quarter note** *Music* a note having one fourth the duration of a whole note

**quar-tet** (kwôr tet') *n.* [ult. < L *quartus*, fourth] 1 a group of four 2 *Music* a) a composition for four voices or instruments b) the four performers of this

**quar-to** (kwôrt'ô) *n., pl.* -tos [< L (in) *quarto*, (in) a fourth] 1 the page size (about 9 by 12 in.) of a book made up of sheets each of which is folded twice to form four leaves, or eight pages 2 a book with pages of this size

**quartz** (kwôrts) *n.* [Ger *quarz*] a crystalline mineral, a form of silica, usually colorless and transparent

**quartz crystal** *Electronics* a piece of quartz cut and ground so as to vibrate at a particular frequency

**qua-sar** (kwā'zär') *n.* [< *quas(i-stell)ar* (radio source)] a distant celestial object that emits immense quantities of light and radio waves

**quash**<sup>1</sup> (kwäsh) *vt.* [< L *cassus*, empty] *Law* to set aside (an indictment)

**quash**<sup>2</sup> (kwäsh) *vt.* [< L *quatere*, to break] to quell (an uprising)

**qua-si** (kwā'zī, kwā'zē') *adv.* [L] as if; seemingly; in part —*adj.* seeming Often hyphenated as a prefix [*quasi-legal*]

**quat-rain** (kwä'trân') *n.* [< L *quattuor*, four] a stanza of four lines

**qua-ver** (kwā'vər) *vi.* [ME *cwafien*] 1 to shake or tremble 2 to be tremulous: said of the voice —*n.* a tremulous quality in a voice or tone

**quay** (kē) *n.* [ult. < Celt] a wharf, usually of concrete or stone

**quea-sy** (kwē'zē) *adj.* -si-er, -si-est [ME *qwesye* < Gmc] 1 affected with nausea 2 squeamish; easily nauseated

**Que-bec** (kwi bek') 1 province of E Canada: 594,860 sq. mi.; pop. 7,139,000: abbrev. QC 2 its capital, on the St. Lawrence River: pop. 167,000

**queen** (kwēn) *n.* [< OE *cwen*] 1 the wife of a king 2 a female monarch in her own right 3 a woman noted for her beauty or accomplishments 4 the fully developed, reproductive female in a colony of bees, ants, etc. 5 a playing card with a picture of a queen on it 6 *Chess* the most powerful piece — *queen'ly, -li-er, -li-est, adj.*

**Queens** (kwēnz) borough of New York City, on W Long Island: pop. 1,952,000

**queen'-size'** *adj.* larger than usual, but smaller than king-size [a *queen-size* bed is 60 by 80 in.]

**queer** (kwir) *adj.* [< ? Ger *quer*, cross-wise] 1 different from the usual; strange 2 [Inf.] eccentric —*vt.* [Slang] to spoil the success of

**quell** (kwel) *vt.* [OE *cwellan*, kill] 1 to subdue 2 to quiet; allay

**quench** (kwench) *vt.* [OE *cwencan*] 1 to extinguish [to *quench* a fire with water] 2 to satisfy [to *quench* one's thirst] 3 to cool (hot steel, etc.) suddenly by plunging into water, etc. —*quench'less adj.*

**quer-u-lous** (kwer'yō lās, -ə-) *adj.* [< L *queri*, complain] 1 inclined to find fault 2 full of complaint; peevish — *quer'u-lous-ly adv.*

**que-ry** (kwir'ē) *n., pl.* -ries [< L *quaerere*, ask] a question; inquiry —*vt., vi.* -ried, -ry-ing to question

**quest** (kwest) *n.* [see prec.] 1 a seeking 2 a journey in pursuit of a lofty goal — *vi.* to go in pursuit

**ques-tion** (kwes'chən) *n.* [see QUERY] 1 an asking; inquiry 2 something asked 3 doubt; uncertainty 4 a matter open to discussion 5 a difficult matter [it's not a *question* of money] 6 a point being debated before an assembly —*vt.* 1 to ask questions of 2 to express doubt about 3 to dispute; challenge —*vi.* to ask questions —*out of the question* impossible

**ques'tion-a-ble** *adj.* 1 that can be questioned or doubted 2 suspected of being immoral, dishonest, etc. 3 uncertain

**question mark** a mark of punctuation (?) put after a sentence, word, etc. to indicate a direct question or to express doubt, etc.

**ques'tion-naire'** (-chə ner') *n.* a written or printed set of questions used in gathering information from people

**queue** (kyō) *n.* [< L *cauda*, tail] 1 a pigtail 2 [Chiefly Brit.] a line, as of persons waiting to be served 3 stored computer data or programs waiting to be processed —*vi.* *queued, queu'ing* [Chiefly Brit.] to line up in a queue: often with *up*

**quib-ble** (kwib'al) *n.* [< L *qui*, who] a petty evasion or criticism —*vi.* -bled, -bling to evade the truth of a point under discussion by caviling

**quiche** (kēsh) *n.* a dish consisting of custard baked in a pastry shell with various ingredients, as bacon, cheese, or spinach

**quick** (kwik) *adj.* [< OE *cwicu*, living] 1 a) rapid; swift [a *quick* walk] b) prompt [a *quick* reply] 2 prompt to understand or learn [a *quick* mind] 3 easily stirred [a *quick* temper] —*adv.* quickly; rapidly —*n.* 1 the living: esp. in the *quick and the dead* 2 the sensitive flesh under the nails 3 the deepest feelings [hurt to the *quick*] —*quick'ly adv.* —*quick'ness n.*

**quick bread** any bread leavened with baking powder, soda, etc. and baked as soon as the batter is mixed

**quick'en** *vt.* 1 to animate; enliven; revive 2 to cause to move more rapidly —*vi.* 1 to become enlivened; revive 2 to begin to show signs of life, as a fetus 3 to become more rapid

**quick'-freeze'** *vt.* -froze', -fro'zen, -freez'ing to subject (food) to sudden



freezing for long storage

**quick'ie** *n.* [Inf.] anything done or made quickly and, often, cheaply

**quick'lime** *n.* unslaked lime

**quick'sand** *n.* [

**quick'silver** *n.* mercury

**quick'-tem'pered** *adj.* easily angered

**quick'-wit'ted** *adj.* mentally nimble

**quid** (kwid) *n.* [var. of CUD] a piece, as of tobacco, to be chewed

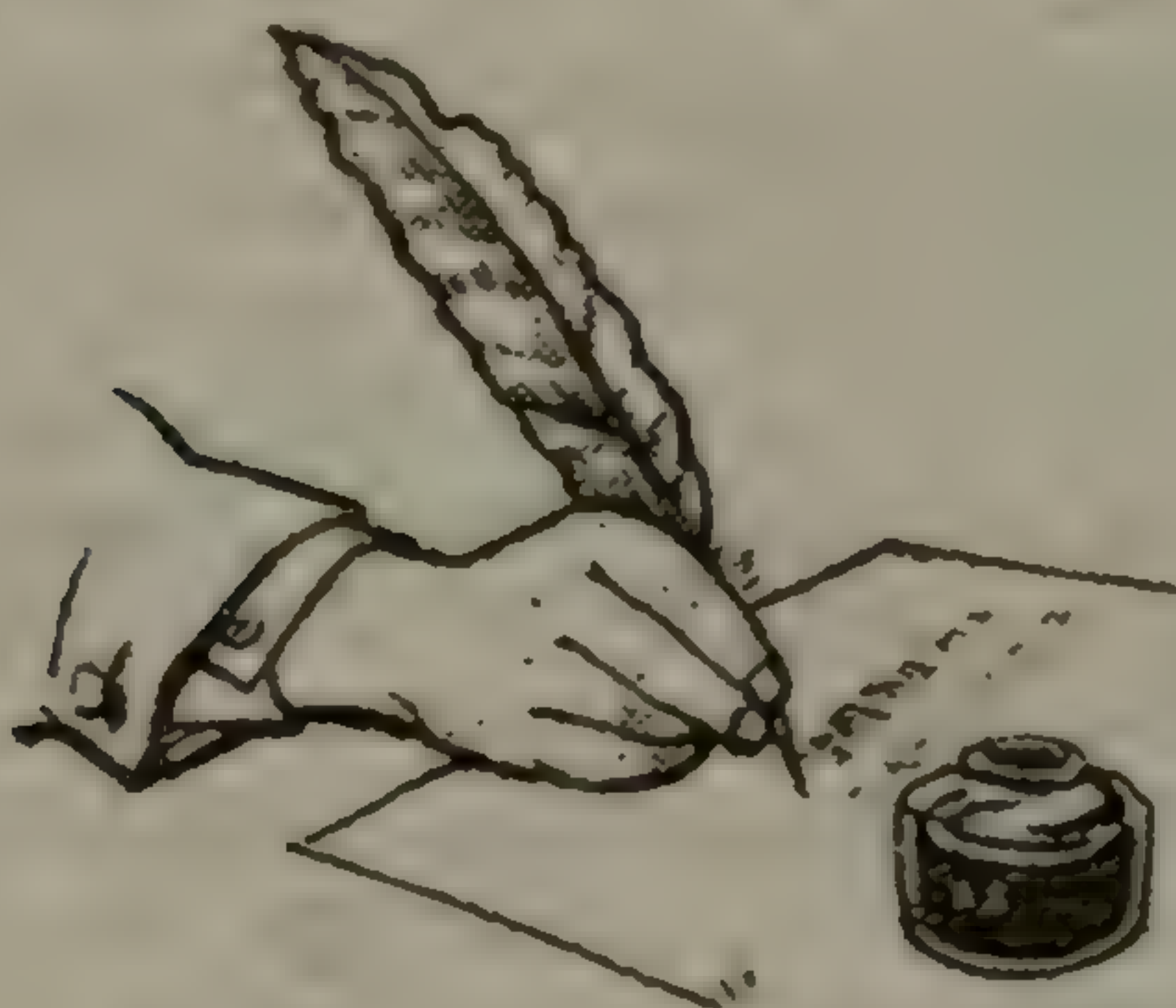
**quid pro quo** (kwid' prō kwō') [L] one thing in return for another

**qui-es-cent** (kwī es'ənt) *adj.* [quiescere, become quiet] still; inactive —**qui-es'cence** *n.*

**qui-et** (kwī'ət) *adj.* [quies, rest] 1 still; motionless 2 a) not noisy; hushed b) not speaking; silent 3 not easily excited 4 not showy 5 not forward; unobtrusive 6 peaceful and relaxing — *n.* 1 calmness, stillness, etc. 2 a quiet or peaceful quality —**vt.** to make quiet —**vi.** to become quiet: usually with *down* —**qui'et-ly** *adv.*

**qui-e-tude** (kwī'ə tōd') *n.* a state of being quiet; calmness

**qui-e-tus** (kwī ēt'əs) *n.* [quietus (*est*), (he is) quit] 1 discharge from debt, etc. 2 death



QUILL

**quill** (kwil) *n.* [prob. < LowG or MDu] 1 a large, stiff feather 2 a) the hollow stem of a feather b) anything made from this, as a pen 3 a spine of a porcupine or hedgehog

**quilt** (kwilt) *n.* [culcita, bed] a bed-cover filled with down, cotton, etc. and stitched together in lines or patterns — **vt.** to stitch like a quilt —**vi.** to make a quilt —**quilt'er** *n.*

**quince** (kwins) *n.* [kydōnion] 1 a yellowish, apple-shaped fruit, used in preserves 2 the tree it grows on

**qui-nel-la** (kwī nel'ə, kē-) *n.* [quinque, five] a form of betting in horse-racing, in which the bettor, to win, must pick the first two finishers, in whichever order they finish: also **qui-nie-la** (kē nye'lə)

**qui-nine** (kwī'nīn') *n.* [quina, cinchona bark] a bitter, crystalline alkaloid extracted from cinchona bark, used for treating malaria

**quin-tes-sence** (kwīn tes'əns) *n.* [

*quinta essentia*] the pure essence or perfect type

**quin-tet** or **quin-tette** (kwīn tet') *n.* [ult. < L *quintus*, a fifth] 1 a group of five 2 *Music* a) a composition for five voices or instruments b) the five performers of this

**quin-tu-ple** (kwīn tōō'pəl) *adj.* [quintus, a fifth + *-plex*, -fold] 1 consisting of five 2 five times as much or as many —**vt.**, **vi.** -pled, -pling to make or become five times as much or as many

**quin-tu-plet** (kwīn tup'lit, -tōō'plit) *n.* 1 any of five offspring from the same pregnancy 2 a group of five, usually of one kind

**quip** (kwip) *n.* [quippe, indeed] a witty or sarcastic remark or reply —**vi.** quipped, quip'ping to utter quips — **quip'ster** *n.*

**quire** (kwīr) *n.* [quaterni, four each] a set of 24 or 25 sheets of paper of the same size and stock

**quirk** (kwark) *n.* [quirk'i-ness *n.* —**quirk'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**quirt** (kwurt) *n.* [AmSp *cuarta*] a riding whip with a braided leather lash and a short handle

**quis-ling** (kwiz'lin) *n.* [after V. Quisling, Norw collaborator with the Nazis] a traitor

**quit** (kwit) **vt.** quit, quit'ting [quittus, free] 1 to free (oneself) of 2 to stop having, using, or doing 3 to depart from 4 to resign from —**vi.** 1 to stop doing something 2 to give up one's job

**quit'claim'** *n.* a deed relinquishing a claim, as to property

**quite** (kwit) *adv.* [see QUIT] 1 completely 2 really; positively 3 very or fairly [*quite warm*] —**quite a few** (or **bit**, etc.) [Inf.] more than a few (or bit, etc.)

**Qui-to** (kē'tō) capital of Ecuador: pop. 1,101,000

**quits** (kwits) *adj.* [quittus, free] on even terms, as by discharge of a debt, retaliation, etc. —**call it quits** [Inf.] 1 to stop working, etc. 2 to end an association

**quit-tance** (kwit'ns) *n.* [see QUIT] 1 discharge from a debt 2 recompense

**quit'ter** *n.* [Inf.] one who quits or gives up easily, without trying hard

**quiv-er**<sup>1</sup> (kwiv'ər) *vi.* [curifer-, eager] to shake tremulously; tremble — *n.* a quivering; tremor

**quiv-er**<sup>2</sup> (kwiv'ər) *n.* [coivre] a case for holding arrows

**quix-ot-ic** (kwik sāt'ik) *adj.* [after DON QUIXOTE] extravagantly chivalrous or foolishly idealistic

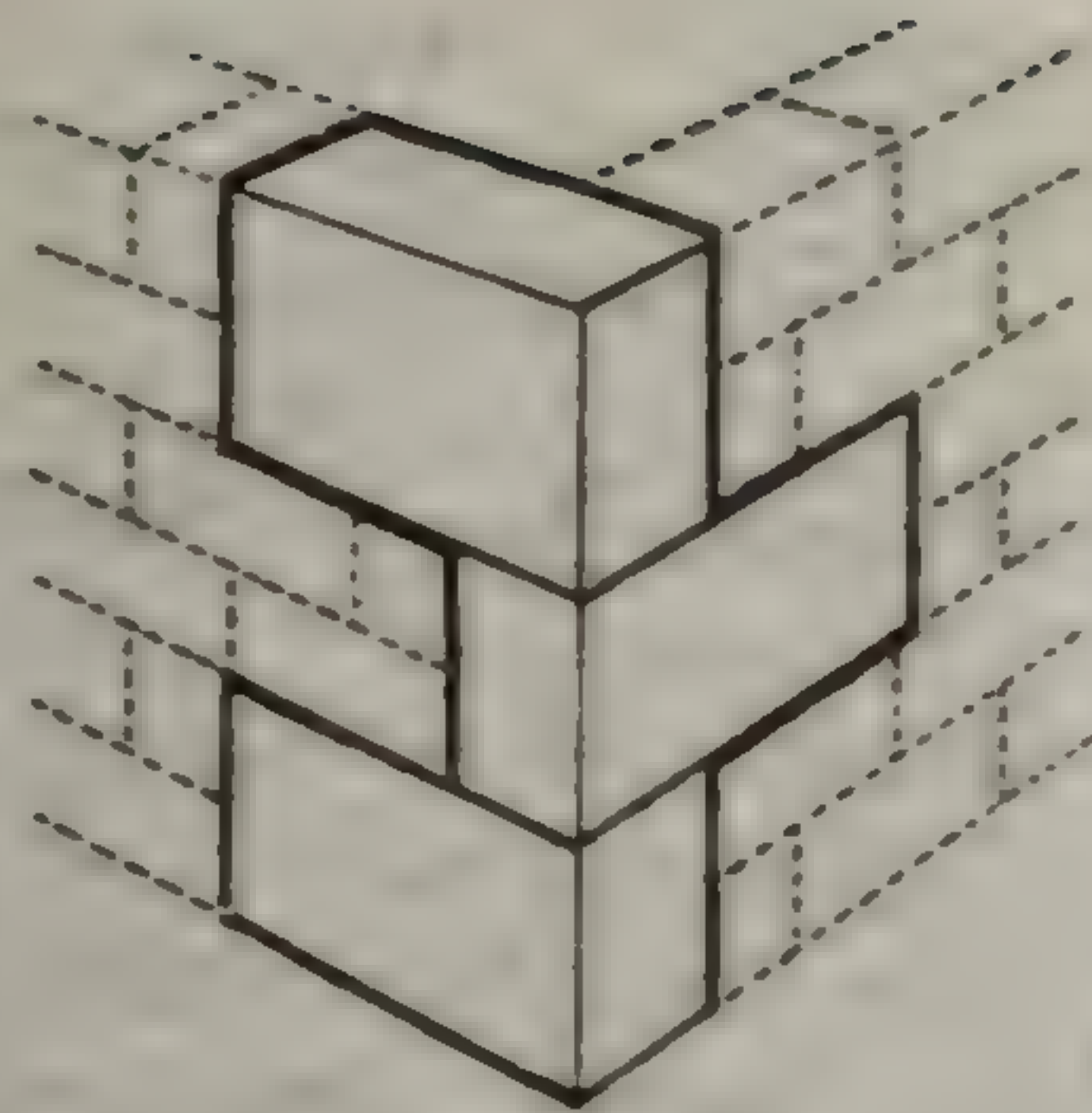
**quiz** (kwiz) *n.*, *pl.* quiz'zes [prob. < L *quis*, what] a questioning; esp., a short examination to test knowledge —**vt.** quizzed, quiz'zing to ask questions, or test the knowledge, of —**quiz'zer** *n.*

**quiz'zi-cal** (-i kəl) *adj.* 1 teasing 2 perplexed —**quiz'zi-cal-ly** *adv.*

**quoin** (koin, kwoin) *n.* [var. of COIN] 1



the external corner of a building; esp., any of the large stones at such a corner  
2 a wedge-shaped block



QUOINS

**quoit** (kwōit) *n.*

[[prob. < OFr *coite*, a cushion]]

1 a ring thrown in quoits 2 [*pl.*, with *sing. v.*] a

game somewhat like horseshoes, in which rings are thrown at a peg

**quon·dam** (kwän'dəm) *adj.* [[L]] former

**Quon·set hut** (kwän'sit) [[< *Quonset*, a trademark]] a prefabricated, metal shelter like a half cylinder on its flat side

**quo·rum** (kwōr'əm) *n.* [[< L *qui*, who]] the minimum number of members required to be present before an assembly can transact business

**quot** *abbrev.* quotation

**quo·ta** (kwōt'ə) *n.* [[< L *quota pars*, how

large a part]] a share or proportion assigned to each of a number

**quotation mark** either of a pair of punctuation marks (" . . .") used to enclose a direct quotation

**quote** (kwōt) *vt.* **quot'ed**, **quot'ing** [[< L *quotus*, of what number]] 1 to repeat a passage from or statement of 2 to repeat (a passage, statement, etc.) 3 to state the price of (something) —*n.* [Inf.] 1 something quoted 2 QUOTATION MARK —**quot'a·ble** *adj.* —**quo·ta·tion** (kwō tā'shən) *n.*

**quoth** (kwōth) *vt.* [[< OE *cwethan*, speak]] [Archaic] said

**quo·tid·i·an** (kwō tid'ē ən) *adj.* [[< L *quotidie*]] 1 daily 2 ordinary

**quo·tient** (kwō'shənt) *n.* [[< L *quot*, how many]] *Math.* the result obtained when one number is divided by another

**Qu·ran** or **Qu·r'an** (koo rän') *n.* *var.* of KORAN

**q.v.** *abbrev.* [[L *quod vide*]] which see

## R

**r<sup>1</sup>** or **R** (är) *n.*, *pl.* **r's**, **R's** the 18th letter of the English alphabet

**r<sup>2</sup>** *abbrev.* radius

**R<sup>1</sup>** *trademark* for a film rating indicating that no one under 17 may be admitted unless accompanied by a parent or guardian

**R<sup>2</sup>** *abbrev.* 1 [[L *Rex*]] king 2 [[L *Regina*]] queen 3 Republican 4 right 5 River 6 Road 7 route 8 *Baseball* run(s): also **r**

**Ra<sup>1</sup>** (rä) *n.* *Egypt. Myth.* the sun god and chief deity

**Ra<sup>2</sup>** *Chem. symbol* for radium

**rab·bet** (rab'it) *n.* [[< OFr *rabattre*, beat down]] a cut made in a board so that another may be fitted into it —*vt.*, *vi.* to cut, or be joined by, a rabbet

**rab·bi** (rab'i) *n.*, *pl.* **-bis** [[< Heb *rabi*, my master]] an ordained teacher of the Jewish law

**rab·bin·ate** (rab'i nit, -nāt') *n.* 1 the position of a rabbi 2 rabbis collectively —**rab·bi·ni·cal** (rə bin'i kəl) *adj.*

**rab·bit** (rab'it) *n.* [[ME *rabette*]] a swift, burrowing mammal with soft fur and long ears

**rabbit punch** *Boxing* a short, sharp blow to the back of the neck

**rab·ble** (rab'al) *n.* [[< ?]] a mob

**rab'ble-rous'er** (-rou'zər) *n.* one who tries to arouse people to violent action by appeals to emotions, prejudices, etc.

**Ra·be·lais** (rab'ə lā'), **Fran·çois** (frän swā') 1494?-1553; Fr. satirist & humorist

**Ra·be·lai·si·an** (rab'ə lā'zhən, -zē ən) *adj.* [[after prec.]] broadly and coarsely humorous or satirical

**rab·id** (rab'id) *adj.* [[< L *rabere*, to rage]] 1 violent; raging 2 fanatic 3 of or having rabies

**ra·bies** (rā'bēz) *n.* [[L, madness]] an

infectious disease characterized by convulsions, etc., transmitted to people by the bite of an infected animal

**rac·coon** (ra kōon') *n.* [[< AmInd *aroughcun*]] 1 a small, tree-climbing, American mammal, with yellowish-gray fur and a black-ringed tail 2 its fur

**race<sup>1</sup>** (rās) *n.* [[< ON *rās*, a running]] 1 a competition of speed in running, etc. 2 any similar contest [the *race* for mayor] 3 a swift current of water, or its channel —*vi.* **raced**, **rac'ing** 1 to take part in a race 2 to go or move swiftly —*vt.* 1 to compete with in a race 2 to enter or run (a horse, etc.) in a race 3 to cause to go swiftly —**rac'er** *n.*

**race<sup>2</sup>** (rās) *n.* [[Fr < It *razza*]] 1 any of the different varieties of human beings distinguished by physical traits, blood types, etc. 2 loosely, any geographical population sharing the same habits, ideas, etc. 3 any distinct group of people

**race'horse'** *n.* a horse bred and trained for racing

**ra·ceme** (rā sēm', rə-) *n.* [[L *racemus*, cluster of grapes]] a flower cluster having a central stem along which individual flowers grow on small stalks

**race'track'** *n.* a course prepared for racing, esp. an oval track for horse races

**race'way'** *n.* 1 a narrow channel for water 2 a racetrack for harness racing, drag racing, etc.

**ra·cial** (rā'shəl) *adj.* 1 of or characteristic of a RACE<sup>2</sup> 2 between races —**ra'cial·ly** *adv.*

**rac·i·ness** (rā'sē nis) *n.* racy quality

**racing form** a chart, etc. of information about the horse races at a track or tracks

**rac·ism** (rā'siz'əm) *n.* the practice of



racial discrimination, segregation, etc.  
—**rac'ist** *n.*, *adj.*

**rack**<sup>1</sup> (rak) *n.* [**< LowG rack**] 1 a framework, etc. for holding or displaying various things [*dish rack*] 2 a toothed bar into which a pinion, etc. meshes 3 an instrument of torture which stretches the victim's limbs —**vt.** 1 to arrange in or on a rack 2 to torture on a rack 3 to torment —**rack one's brains** to try hard to think of something —**rack up** [*Slang*] to score or achieve

**rack**<sup>2</sup> (rak) *n.* [**var. of WRACK**] used only in **go to rack and ruin**, to become ruined

**rack**<sup>3</sup> (rak) *n.* [**< ? RACK<sup>1</sup>**] the rib section of mutton: in **full rack of lamb**

**rack-et**<sup>1</sup> (rak'it) *n.* [**prob. echoic**] 1 a noisy confusion 2 *a*) a method or scheme for obtaining money illegally *b*) [*Inf.*] any dishonest practice

**rack-et**<sup>2</sup> (rak'it) *n.* [**< Ar rāḥa(t)**, palm of the hand] a light bat for tennis, etc., with a network, as of catgut or nylon, in an oval frame attached to a handle: also **rac'quet**

**rack-et-er** (rak'ə tir') *n.* one who obtains money illegally, as by fraud, extortion, etc. —**rack-et-er'ing** *n.*

**rac-on-teur** (rak'ən tur') *n.* [**Fr < raconter**, to recount] one skilled at telling stories or anecdotes

**rac-quet-ball** (rak'it bōl') *n.* a game like handball, but played with a short racket

**rac-y** (rā'sē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [**RACE<sup>2</sup> + -Y<sup>2</sup>**] 1 having the taste or quality of the genuine type [*racy fruit*] 2 lively; spirited 3 pungent 4 risqué

**rad** (rad) *n.* [**< RAD(IATION)**] a dosage of absorbed radiation

**ra-dar** (rā'dār') *n.* [**ra(dio) d(etecting) a(nd) r(anging)**] an apparatus that transmits radio waves to a reflecting object, as an aircraft, to determine its location, speed, etc. by the reflected waves

**ra'dar-scope** *n.* an oscilloscope that displays reflected radar wave signals

**ra-di-al** (rā'dē əl) *adj.* [**< L radius, ray**] 1 of or like a ray or rays; branching out from a center 2 of a radius

**radial (ply) tire** an automobile tire with plies of rubberized cords at right angles to the center line of the tread

**ra-di-ant** (rā'dē ənt) *adj.* [**< L radius, ray**] 1 shining brightly 2 showing pleasure, etc.; beaming 3 issuing (from a source) in or as in rays —**ra'di-ance** *n.* —**ra'di-ant-ly** *adv.*

**ra-di-ate** (rā'dē āt') *vi.* -at'ed, -at'ing [**< L radius, ray**] 1 to send out rays of heat, light, etc. 2 to branch out in lines from a center —**vt.** 1 to send out (heat, light, etc.) in rays 2 to give forth or spread (happiness, love, etc.)

**ra'di-a'tion** *n.* 1 a radiating 2 the rays sent out 3 energy emitted as nuclear particles, etc.

**radiation sickness** sickness produced by overexposure to X-rays, radioactive matter, etc.

**ra'di-a'tor** *n.* 1 an apparatus for radiating heat, as into a room 2 a device for

circulating coolant, etc., as for a car engine

**rad-i-cal** (rad'i kəl) *adj.* [**< L radix, root**] 1 fundamental; basic 2 favoring basic change, as in the social or economic structure —*n.* 1 a person holding radical views 2 *Chem.* a group of two or more atoms acting as a single atom 3 *Math.* the sign ( $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$ ) used with a quantity to show that its root is to be extracted —**rad'i-cal-ism** *n.* —**rad'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**ra-dic-chio** (rə dē'kyō) *n.*, *pl.* -chios [*It*] a variety of chicory used in salads

**ra-di-i** (rā'dē ī') *n.* *alt. pl. of RADIUS*

**ra-di-o** (rā'dē ō') *n.* [**< radio(telegraphy)**] 1 the transmission of sounds or signals by electromagnetic waves directly through space to a receiving set 2 *pl.* -os' such a set 3 broadcasting by radio as an industry, entertainment, etc. —*adj.* 1 of, using, used in, or sent by radio 2 of electromagnetic wave frequencies between c. 10 kilohertz and c. 300,000 megahertz —**vt.**, **vi.** -oed', -o'ing to transmit, or communicate with, by radio

**radio-** [**< L radius, ray**] *combining form* 1 ray, raylike 2 by radio 3 using radiant energy 4 radioactive [*radiotherapy*]

**ra'di-o-ac'tive** *adj.* giving off radiant energy in the form of particles or rays by the disintegration of atomic nuclei —**ra'di-o-ac-tiv'i-ty** *n.*

**radio astronomy** astronomy dealing with radio waves in space in order to obtain information about the universe

**ra'di-o-gram** *n.* a message sent by radio

**ra'di-o-i'so-tope** *n.* a radioactive isotope of a chemical element

**ra-di-ol-o-gy** (rā'dē əl'ə jē) *n.* the use of radiant energy, as X-rays, in medical diagnosis and therapy —**ra'di-ol'o-gist** *n.*

**ra'di-o-paque** (-ō pāk') *adj.* [**RADIO- + (O)PAQUE**] not allowing the passage of X-rays, etc.

**radio telescope** a radio antenna for receiving and measuring radio waves from stars, spacecraft, etc.

**ra'di-o-ther'a-py** *n.* the treatment of disease by the use of X-rays or rays from a radioactive substance

**rad-ish** (rad'ish) *n.* [**< L radix, root**] 1 an annual plant with an edible root 2 the pungent root, eaten raw

**ra-di-um** (rā'dē əm) *n.* [**< L radius, ray**] a radioactive, metallic chemical element found in some uranium, which undergoes spontaneous atomic disintegration

**ra-di-us** (rā'dē əs) *n.*, *pl.* -di-i' (-ī') or -us-es [**L, ray**] 1 any straight line from the center to the periphery of a circle or sphere 2 the circular area limited by the sweep of such a line [*within a radius of two miles*] 3 the shorter, thicker bone of the forearm

**ra-don** (rā'dän') *n.* [**< RADIUM**] a radioactive chemical element, a nonreactive gas, formed in the atomic disintegration of radium

**RAF** *abbrev.* Royal Air Force



**raf·fi·a** (raf'ē ə) *n.* [*< native name*] 1 a palm tree of Madagascar, with large leaves 2 fiber from its leaves, used as string or for weaving

**raff·ish** (raf'ish) *adj.* [(RIFF)RAFF + -ISH] 1 carelessly unconventional 2 vulgar; low

**raf·fle** (raf'əl) *n.* [ME *rafle*] a lottery in which each participant buys a chance to win a prize —*vt.* -fled, -fling to offer as a prize in a raffle: often with *off*

**raft**<sup>1</sup> (raft) *n.* [*< ON raptr*, a log] 1 a flat, buoyant structure of logs, etc. fastened together 2 a flat-bottomed, inflatable boat —*vi.* to travel on a raft

**raft**<sup>2</sup> (raft) *n.* [*< Brit dial. raff*, rubbish] [Inf.] a large quantity

**raf·ter** (raf'tər) *n.* [OE *ræfter*] any of the beams that slope from the ridge of a roof to the eaves

**rag**<sup>1</sup> (rag) *n.* [*< ON rögg*, tuft of hair] 1 a waste piece of cloth, esp. one old or torn 2 a small piece of cloth for dusting, etc. 3 [*pl.*] old, worn clothes

**rag**<sup>2</sup> (rag) *vt.* ragged, rag'ging [*< ?*] [Slang] to tease or scold: often with *on*

**rag**<sup>3</sup> (rag) *n.* a tune in ragtime

**ra·ga** (rä'gə) *n.* [Sans *rāga*, color] any of various melody patterns improvised on by Hindu musicians

**rag·a·muf·fin** (rag'ə'muf'in) *n.* [ME *Ragamoffyn*, name of a demon] a poor, ragged child

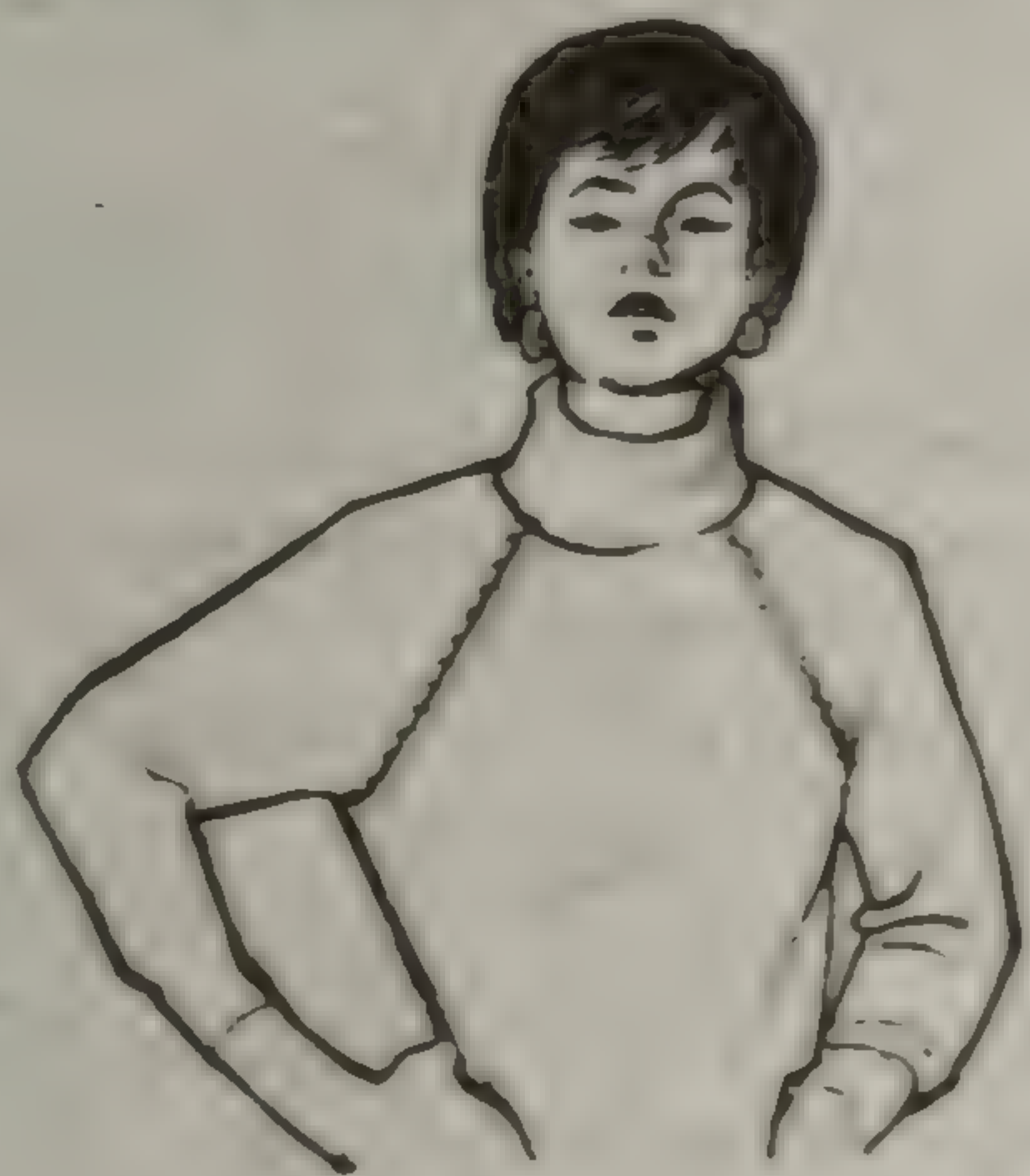
**rag'bag** *n.* 1 a bag for rags 2 a collection of odds and ends

**rage** (rāj) *n.* [*< LL rabia*, madness] 1 a furious, uncontrolled anger 2 a great force, violence, etc. —*vi.* raged, rag'ing 1 to show violent anger in action or speech 2 to be forceful, violent, etc. 3 to spread unchecked, as a disease —*all the rage* a fad

**ragg** (rag) *adj.* designating or made of sturdy yarn having a speckled pattern

**rag·ged** (rag'id) *adj.* 1 shabby or torn from wear 2 wearing shabby or torn clothes 3 uneven: imperfect 4 shaggy [*ragged hair*] —*run ragged* to tire out: exhaust —*rag'ged·ness n.*

**rag'ged·y** *adj.* tattered



RAGLAN SLEEVES

**rag·lan** (rag'lan) *n.* [after Lord Raglan, 19th-c. Brit general] a loose coat with sleeves that continue in one piece to the collar —*adj.* designating or having such a sleeve

**ra·gout** (ra gōō') *n.* [*< Fr ragoûter*, revive the appetite of] a highly seasoned stew of meat and vegetables

**rag'time** *n.* [prob. *< ragged time*] 1 a type of American music (c. 1890-1920), with strong syncopation in even time 2 its rhythm

**rag'weed** *n.* [*< its ragged-looking leaves*] a weed whose pollen is a common cause of hay fever

**rah** (rā) *interj.* hurrah: used as by cheerleaders

**raid** (rād) *n.* [dial. var. of ROAD] 1 a sudden, hostile attack, esp. by troops or bandits 2 a sudden invasion of a place by police, for discovering violations of the law —*vt., vi.* to make a raid (on) —*raid'er n.*

**rail**<sup>1</sup> (rāl) *n.* [*< L regula*, a rule] 1 a bar of wood, metal, etc. placed between posts as a barrier or support 2 any of the parallel metal bars forming a track for a railroad, etc. 3 railroad or railway —*vt.* to supply with rails or a railing —*adj.* of a railway or railroad

**rail**<sup>2</sup> (rāl) *vi.* [*< LL ragere*, to bellow] to speak bitterly; complain violently

**rail**<sup>3</sup> (rāl) *n.* [*< Fr raaler*, to screech] a marsh bird with a harsh cry

**rail'ing** *n.* 1 materials for rails 2 a fence, etc. made of rails and posts

**rail·ler·y** (rā'lər ē) *n., pl. -ies* [see RAIL<sup>2</sup>] light, good-natured ridicule

**rail'road** *n.* 1 a track of parallel steel rails for a train 2 a complete system of such tracks, trains, etc. —*vt.* 1 to transport by railroad 2 [Inf.] to rush through quickly, so as to prevent careful consideration —*vi.* to work on a railroad —*rail'road'er n.* —*rail'road'ing n.*

**rail'way** *n.* 1 any track with rails for guiding wheels 2 RAILROAD

**rai·ment** (rā'mənt) *n.* [see ARRAY & -MENT] [Archaic] clothing; attire

**rain** (rān) *n.* [OE *regn*] 1 water falling in drops condensed from the atmosphere 2 the falling of such drops 3 a rapid falling of many small objects —*vi.* 1 to fall: said of rain 2 to fall like rain —*vt.* 1 to pour down 2 to give in large quantities —*rain out* to cause (an event) to be postponed because of rain —*rain'y, -i·er, -i·est, adj.*

**rain'bow** (-bō') *n.* [OE *regnboga*] an arc containing the colors of the spectrum, formed in the sky by the refraction, reflection, and dispersion of light in rain or fog

**rain check** a ticket stub to a ballgame, etc. allowing future admission if the event is rained out

**rain'coat** *n.* a water-repellent coat

**rain'drop** *n.* a single drop of rain

**rain'fall** *n.* 1 a falling of rain 2 the amount of rain over a given area during a given time

**rain forest** a dense, evergreen forest in a rainy tropical region

**rain'storm** *n.* a storm with heavy rain

**rain'wa'ter** *n.* water that is falling or has fallen as rain

**raise** (rāz) *vt.* raised, rais'ing [*< ON reisa*] 1 to cause to rise; lift 2 to construct; build 3 to increase in size, intensity, amount, degree, etc. [*to raise*



prices, *raise* one's voice/ 4 to provoke; inspire 5 to present for consideration [*raise* a question/ 6 to collect (an army, money, etc.) 7 to end [*raise* a siege/ 8 a) to cause to grow. b) to rear (children) —*n.* 1 a raising 2 an increase in salary or in a bet —*raise* Cain (or hell, etc.) [Slang] to create a disturbance

**rai-sin** (rā'zən) *n.* [*< L racemus*, cluster of grapes] a dried sweet grape

**rai-son d'être** (rā'zōn det', det'rə) [*Fr*] reason for being; justification for existence

**raj** (rāj) *n.* [*Hindi*: see fol.] in India, rule; government —the *Raj* the British government in, or its dominion over, India

**ra-jah** or **ra-ja** (rā'jə) *n.* [*< Sans rāj*, to rule] a prince in India

**rake**<sup>1</sup> (rāk) *n.* [*OE raca*] a long-handled tool with teeth at one end, for gathering loose hay, leaves, etc. —*vt.* *raked*, *rak'ing* 1 to gather or smooth with a rake 2 to search through minutely 3 to direct gunfire along (a line of troops, etc.) —*rake in* to gather a great amount of rapidly —*rake up* to uncover facts or gossip about (the past, etc.)

**rake**<sup>2</sup> (rāk) *n.* [*contr. of rake-hell*] a dissolute, debauched man

**rake**<sup>3</sup> (rāk) *vi., vt.* *raked*, *rak'ing* [*< ?*] to slant —*n.* a slanting

**rake'-off** *n.* [Slang] a commission or rebate, esp. when illegitimate

**rak-ish** (rāk'ish) *adj.* [*< RAKE*<sup>3</sup> + *-ISH*] 1 having a trim appearance suggesting speed: said of a ship 2 dashing; jaunty. —*rak'ish-ly adv.*

**Ra-legh** or **Ra-leigh** (rô'lē, rā'lē), Sir **Wal-ter** (wôl'tər) 1552?-1618; Eng. explorer & poet

**Ra-leigh** (rô'lē, rā'lē) capital of North Carolina: pop. 212,000

**ral-ly**<sup>1</sup> (ral'ē) *vt., vi.* *-lied, -ly-ing* [*< OFr re-*, again + *alier*, join] 1 to bring back together in, or come back to, a state of order: said as of troops 2 to bring or come together for a common purpose 3 to recover; revive —*n., pl. -lies* 1 a rallying or being rallied; esp., a gathering of people for some purpose 2 an organized automobile run designed to test driving skills

**ral-ly**<sup>2</sup> (ral'ē) *vt., vi.* *-lied, -ly-ing* [*see RAIL*<sup>2</sup>] to tease or ridicule

**ram** (ram) *n.* [*OE ramm*] 1 a male sheep 2 **BATTERING RAM** —*vt.* *rammed*, *ram'ming* 1 to strike against with great force 2 to force into place; press down

**RAM** (ram) *n.* random-access memory

**ram-ble** (ram'bəl) *vi.* *-bled, -bling* [*< ME romen*] 1 to roam about; esp., to stroll about idly 2 to talk or write aimlessly 3 to spread in all directions, as a

vine does —*n.* a stroll

**ram'bler** (-blər) *n.* a person or thing that rambles; esp., a climbing rose

**ram-bunc-tious** (ram bun'k'shəs) *adj.* [*altered, (after RAM) < earlier rambustious*] disorderly, boisterous, unruly, etc. —*ram-bunc'tious-ness n.*

**ram-e-kin** or **ram-e-quin** (ram'ə kin) *n.* [*< Fr < MDu*] a small individual baking dish

**ra-men** (rā'mən) *pl.n.* [*sometimes with sing. v.*] Japanese wheat noodles

**ram-i-fy** (ram'ə fī) *vt., vi.* *-fied', -fy'ing* [*< L ramus*, a branch + *facere*, make] to divide or spread out into branches or branchlike divisions —*ram'i-fi-ca'tion n.*

**ramp** (ramp) *n.* [*< OFr ramper*, to climb] 1 a sloping surface, walk, etc. joining different levels 2 a means for boarding a plane; as a movable staircase 3 a sloping runway, as for launching boats

**ram-page** (ram'pāj') *vi.* *-paged', -pag'ing* to rush about wildly; rage —*n.* an outbreak of violent, raging behavior: chiefly in *on the* (or *a*) *rampage*

**ramp-ant** (ram'pənt) *adj.* [*< OFr ramper*, to climb] growing unchecked; widespread

**ram-part** (ram'pärt', -pərt) *n.* [*< Fr re-*, again + *emparer*, fortify] an embankment of earth surmounted by a parapet for defending a fort, etc.

**ram'rod** *n.* a rod for ramming down the charge in a muzzle-loading gun

**ram-shack-le** (ram'shak'əl) *adj.* [*< RAN-SACK*] loose and rickety; likely to fall to pieces

**ran** (ran) *vi., vt. pt. of RUN*

**ranch** (ranch) *n.* [*< Sp rancho*, small farm] 1 a large farm, esp. in the W. U.S., for raising cattle, horses, or sheep 2 a style of house with all the rooms on one floor: in full *ranch house* —*vi.* to work on or manage a ranch —*ranch'er n.*

**ranch dressing** creamy buttermilk salad dressing

**ran-cid** (ran'sid) *adj.* [*< L rancere*, to be rank] smelling or tasting of stale fats or oils; spoiled

**ran-cor** (ran'kər) *n.* [*< L rancere*, to be rank] a continuing and bitter hate or ill will: Brit. sp. *ran'cour* —*ran'cor-ous adj.* —*ran'cor-ous-ly adv.*

**rand** (rand) *n., pl.* rand the monetary unit of South Africa

**R & B** or **r & b** *abbrev.* rhythm and blues

**R & D** *abbrev.* research and development

**ran-dom** (ran'dəm) *adj.* [*< OFr randir*, run violently] purposeless; haphazard —*at random* haphazardly —*ran'dom-ly adv.*

**ran'dom-ac'cess** *adj.* *Comput.* of a kind of memory that allows data to be directly accessible

**ran'dom-ize'** (-īz') *vt.* *-ized', -iz'ing* to select or choose (items of a group) in a random order

**ran-dy** (ran'dē) *adj.* *-di-er, -di-est* [Chiefly Scot.] amorous; lustful

**rang** (raŋ) *vi., vt. pt. of RING*<sup>1</sup>

**range** (rānj) *vt.* *ranged, rang'ing* [*< OFr*



RAKES



**renc**, a ring] 1 to arrange in order; set in a row or rows 2 to place (esp. oneself) with others in a cause, etc. 3 to roam through —*vi.* 1 to extend in a given direction 2 to roam 3 to vary between stated limits —*n.* 1 a row, line, or series 2 a series of connected mountains 3 the distance that a weapon can fire its projectile 4 *a*) a place for shooting practice *b*) a place for testing rockets in flight 5 extent; scope 6 a large, open area for grazing livestock 7 the limits of possible variations of amount, degree, pitch, etc. [*a wide range of prices*] 8 a cooking stove

**rang·er** (rān'jər) *n.* 1 *a*) a mounted trooper who patrols a region *b*) [often *R-*] a soldier trained for raiding and close combat 2 a warden who patrols parks and forests

**Ran·goon** (ran gōon') *former name for YANGON*

**rang·y** (rān'jē) *adj.* -i·er, -i·est long-limbed and slender —**rang'ī·ness** *n.*

**rank**<sup>1</sup> (rānk) *n.* [*< OFr ranc*] 1 a row, line, or series 2 a social class 3 a high position in society 4 an official grade [*the rank of major*] 5 a relative position in a scale [*a poet of the first rank*] 6 *a*) a row of soldiers, etc. placed side by side *b*) [*pl.*] the army; esp., enlisted soldiers —*vt.* 1 to place in a rank 2 to assign a position to 3 to outrank —*vi.* to hold a certain position —**rank and file** 1 enlisted soldiers 2 the common people, as distinguished from leaders

**rank**<sup>2</sup> (rānk) *adj.* [*OE ranc, strong*] 1 growing vigorously and coarsely [*rank grass*] 2 strong and offensive in smell or taste 3 in bad taste 4 complete; utter [*rank deceit*]

**rank'ing** *adj.* 1 of the highest rank 2 prominent or outstanding

**ran·kle** (rān'kəl) *vi., vt.* -kled, -kling [*ult. < L dim. of draco, dragon*] 1 [*Obs.*] to fester 2 to cause, or cause to have, long-lasting anger, rancor, etc.

**ran·sack** (rān'sak') *vt.* [*< ON rann, house + sækja, seek*] 1 to search thoroughly 2 to plunder

**ran·som** (rān'səm) *n.* [*see REDEEM*] 1 the redeeming of a captive by paying money or complying with demands 2 the price thus paid or demanded —*vt.* to obtain the release of (a captive, etc.) by paying the demanded price

**rant** (rant) *vi., vt.* [*< obs. Du ranten*] to talk or say in a loud, wild, extravagant way —*n.* loud, wild speech

**rap** (rap) *vt.* rapped, rap'ping [*prob. echoic*] 1 to strike quickly and sharply; tap 2 [*Slang*] to criticize sharply —*vi.* 1 to knock sharply 2 [*Slang*] to talk —*n.* 1 a quick, sharp knock 2 [*Slang*] blame or punishment 3 [*Slang*] a chat or serious discussion 4 a kind of popular music in which rhymed verses are chanted over repetitive rhythms

**ra·pa·cious** (rə pā'shəs) *adj.* [*< L rapere, seize*] 1 greedy; voracious 2 predatory —**ra·pa'cious·ly** *adv.* —**ra·pac'i·ty** (-pas'ə tē) *n.*

**rape**<sup>1</sup> (rāp) *n.* [*prob. < L rapere, seize*] 1 the crime of having sexual intercourse with a person forcibly and without consent 2 the plundering (of a city, etc.),

as in warfare —*vt.* raped, rap'ing 1 to commit rape on; violate 2 to plunder or destroy —*vi.* to commit rape —**rap'ist** *n.*

**rape**<sup>2</sup> (rāp) *n.* [*< L rapa, turnip*] an annual plant whose leaves are used for fodder

**Raph·a·el** (rā'fä el', -fī-) 1483-1520; It. painter & architect

**rap·id** (rap'id) *adj.* [*< L rapere, to rush*] moving or occurring with speed; swift; quick —*n.* [*usually pl.*] a part of a river where the current is swift —**ra·pid·i·ty** (rə pid'ə tē) *n.* —**rap'id·ly** *adv.*

**rapid transit** a system of public transportation in an urban area, using electric trains along an unimpeded right of way

**ra·pi·er** (rā'pē ər) *n.* [*Fr rapière*] a light, sharp-pointed sword used only for thrusting

**rap·ine** (rap'in) *n.* [*< L rapere, seize*] plunder; pillage

**rap·pel** (ra pel') *n.* [*Fr, lit., a recall*] a descent by a mountain climber, using a double rope around the body to control the slide downward —*vi.* -pelled', -pel'ling to make such a descent

**rap'per** *n.* a performer of rap music

**rap·port** (ra pôr') *n.* [*Fr*] close relationship; harmony

**rap·proche·ment** (ra'prōsh mən') *n.* [*Fr*] an establishing of friendly relations

**rap·scal·lion** (rap skal'yən) *n.* [*< RASCAL*] ROGUE

**rap sheet** [*Slang*] one's police record of arrests and convictions

**rapt** (rapt) *adj.* [*< L rapere, seize*] 1 carried away with joy, love, etc. 2 completely engrossed (*in meditation, study, etc.*)

**rap·tor** (rap'tər, -tôr') *n.* [*< L rapere, to snatch*] a bird, as a hawk, that preys on other animals

**rap·ture** (rap'chər) *n.* the state of being carried away with joy, love, etc.; ecstasy —**rap'tur·ous** *adj.* —**rap'tur·ous·ly** *adv.*

**ra·ra a·vis** (rer'ə ā'vis) *pl.* ra·rae a·ves (rer'ē ā'vēz) [*L, lit., strange bird*] an extraordinary person or thing

**rare**<sup>1</sup> (rer) *adj.* rar'er, rar'est [*< L rarus*] 1 not frequently encountered; scarce; unusual 2 unusually good; excellent 3 not dense [*rare atmosphere*] —**rare'ness** *n.*

**rare**<sup>2</sup> (rer) *adj.* rar'er, rar'est [*OE hrere*] not completely cooked; partly raw: said esp. of meat —**rare'ness** *n.*

**rare**<sup>3</sup> (rer) *vi.* rared, rar'ing [*Inf.*] to be eager: used in prp. [*raring to go*]

**rare·bit** (rer'bit) *n.* WELSH RABBIT

**rar·e·fy** (rer'ə fī') *vt., vi.* -fied', -fy'ing [*< L rarus, RARE<sup>1</sup> + facere, make*] to make or become less dense —**rar·e·fac'tion** (-fak'shən) *n.*

**rare·ly** (rer'lē) *adv.* 1 infrequently; seldom 2 uncommonly

**rar·i·ty** (rer'ə tē) *n.* 1 a being rare: specif., *a*) scarcity *b*) lack of density 2 *pl.* -ties something remarkable or valuable because rare

**ras·cal** (ras'kəl) *n.* [*< OFr rascaille, rab-*



ble]] 1 a rogue 2 a mischievous child — *ras-cal'i-ty* (-kal'ə tē) *n.* — *ras'cal-ly* *adj.*, *adv.*

**rash**<sup>1</sup> (rash) *adj.* [[ME *rasch*] too hasty in acting or speaking; reckless — *rash'ly* *adv.* — *rash'ness* *n.*

**rash**<sup>2</sup> (rash) *n.* [[< OFr *rascaille*, rabble]] 1 an eruption of spots on the skin 2 a sudden appearance of a large number of instances

**rash'er** *n.* [[< L *radere*, to scrape]] a thin slice of bacon, etc., or a serving of several such slices

**rasp** (rasp) *vt.* [[< OHG *raspon*, to scrape together]] 1 to scrape as with a file 2 to grate upon; irritate — *vi.* 1 to grate 2 to make a rough, grating sound — *n.* 1 a type of rough file 2 a rough, grating sound — *rasp'y*, *-i-er*, *-i-est*, *adj.*

**rasp-ber-ry** (raz'ber'ē, -bər-) *n.*, *pl.* *-ries* [[< earlier *raspis*] 1 a small, juicy, edible reddish fruit of a plant related to the rose 2 this plant 3 [Slang] a sound of derision

**rat** (rat) *n.* [[OE *ræt*] 1 a long-tailed rodent, resembling, but larger than, the mouse 2 [Slang] a sneaky, contemptible person; esp., an informer — *vi.* *rat'ted*, *rat'ting* [Slang] to inform (on) — *smell a rat* to suspect a trick, plot, etc.

**ratch-et** (rach'it) *n.* [[< It *rocca*, distaff]] 1 a toothed wheel (in full *ratchet wheel*) or bar whose sloping teeth catch a pawl, preventing backward motion 2 such a pawl

**rate**<sup>1</sup> (rāt) *n.* [[< L *rerī*, reckon]] 1 the amount, degree, etc. of anything in relation to units of something else [*rate of pay*] 2 price, esp. per unit — *vt.* *rat'ed*, *rat'ing* 1 to appraise 2 to consider 3 [Inf.] to deserve — *vi.* to have value, status, etc. — *at any rate* 1 in any event 2 anyway

**rate**<sup>2</sup> (rāt) *vt.*, *vi.* *rat'ed*, *rat'ing* [[< L *reputare*, to count]] to scold; chide

**rath-er** (rath'ər) *adv.* [[OE *hræthe*, quickly]] 1 more willingly; preferably 2 with more justice, reason, etc. [I, *rather* than you, should pay] 3 more accurately [my son, or *rather*, stepson] 4 on the contrary 5 somewhat [*rather* hungry] — *rather than* instead of

**rat'hole** *n.* a great waste of money, etc.

**raths-kel-ler** (rath'skel'ər) *n.* [[Ger < *rat*, council, town hall + *keller*, cellar]] a restaurant, usually below the street level, where beer is served

**rat-i-fy** (rat'ə fī) *vt.* *-fied'*, *-fy'ing* [[< L *ratus*, reckoned + *facere*, make]] to approve; esp., to give official sanction to — *rat'i-fi-ca'tion* *n.*

**rat-ing** (rāt'ing) *n.* 1 a rank or grade, as of military personnel 2 a placement in a certain rank or class 3 an evaluation; appraisal 4 *Film* a classification, based on content, restricting the age of those who may attend 5 *Radio, TV* the relative popularity of a program according to sample polls

**ra-tio** (rā'shō, -shē ō) *n.*, *pl.* *-tios* [[L, a reckoning]] a fixed relation in degree, number, etc. between two similar things; proportion

**ra-ti-oc-i-nate** (rash'ē äs'ə nāt') *vi.* *-nated*, *-nating* [[see prec.]] to think or argue logically; reason — *ra'ti-oc'i-na'tion* *n.*

**ra-tion** (rash'an, rā'shən) *n.* [[see *RATIO*]] 1 a fixed portion; share 2 a fixed allowance of food, as a daily allowance for a soldier 3 [*pl.*] food supply — *vt.* 1 to supply with rations 2 to distribute (food, clothing, etc.) in rations, as in times of scarcity

**ra-tion-al** (rash'an əl) *adj.* [[see *RATIO*]] 1 of or based on reasoning 2 able to reason; reasoning 3 sensible or sane — *ra'tion-al'i-ty* (-ə nal'ə tē) *n.* — *ra'tion-al-ly* *adv.*

**ra-tion-ale** (rash'ə nal') *n.* [[< L *rationalis*, rational]] 1 the reasons or rational basis for something 2 an explanation of principles

**ra'tion-al-ism'** *n.* the practice of accepting reason as the only authority in determining one's opinions or course of action — *ra'tion-al-ist* *n.*, *adj.* — *ra'tion-al-is'tic* *adj.*

**ra'tion-al-ize'** *vt.*, *vi.* *-ized'*, *-iz'ing* 1 to make or be rational or reasonable 2 to devise plausible explanations for (one's acts, beliefs, etc.), usually in self-deception — *ra'tion-al-i-za'tion* *n.*

**rat-line** (rat'lin) *n.* [[< ?]] any of the horizontal ropes which join the shrouds of a ship and serve as a ladder: also *sp.* *rat'lin*

**rat race** [Slang] a mad scramble or intense struggle, as in the business world

**rat-tan** (ra tan') *n.* [[Malay *rotan*]] 1 a tall palm tree with long, slender, tough stems 2 its stem, used in making furniture, etc.

**rat-tle** (rat'll) *vi.* *-tled*, *-tling* [[prob. echoic]] 1 to make a series of sharp, short sounds 2 to chatter: often with *on* — *vt.* 1 to cause to rattle 2 to confuse or upset — *n.* 1 a series of sharp, short sounds 2 a series of horny rings at the end of a rattlesnake's tail 3 a baby's toy, a percussion instrument, etc. made to rattle when shaken

**rat'tle-brain'** *n.* a frivolous, talkative person — *rat'tle-brained'* *adj.*

**rat'tler** *n.* a rattlesnake

**rat'tle-snake'** *n.* a poisonous American snake with horny rings at the end of the tail that rattle when shaken

**rat'tle-trap'** *n.* a rickety old car

**rat'tling** (-lin) *adj.* 1 that rattles 2 [Inf.] very fast, good, etc. — *adv.* [Inf.] very [*a rattling good time*]

**rat'trap'** *n.* 1 a trap for rats 2 [Inf.] a dirty, run-down building

**rat-ty** (rat'ē) *adj.* *-ti-er*, *-ti-est* [Slang] shabby or run-down

**rau-cous** (rô'kəs) *adj.* [[L *raucus*]] 1 hoarse 2 loud and rowdy — *rau'cous-ly* *adv.* — *rau'cous-ness* *n.*

**raun-chy** (rôn'chē) *adj.* *-chi-er*, *-chi-est* [[< ?]] [Slang] 1 dirty, sloppy, etc. 2 risqué, lustful, etc.

**rav-age** (rav'ij) *n.* [[see *RAVISH*]] destruction; ruin — *vt.* *-aged*, *-ag-ing* to destroy violently; ruin

**rave** (rāv) *vi.* *raved*, *rav'ing* [[< OFr



**raver, roam** 1 to talk incoherently or wildly 2 to talk with great enthusiasm (*about*) —*n.* [Inf.] a very enthusiastic commendation

**rav·el** (rav'əl) *vt., vi.* -eled or -elled, -eling or -el-ling [*< MDu ravelen*] to separate into its parts, esp. threads; fray — *n.* a raveled part in a fabric

**ra·ven** (rā'vən) *n.* [OE *hræfn*] the largest crow, with a straight, sharp beak — *adj.* black and lustrous

**rav·en·ing** (rav'ə nɪŋ) *adj.* [ult. *< L rapere*, seize] greedily searching for prey [*ravening wolves*]

**rav·e·nous** (rav'ə nəʃ) *adj.* [*< L rapere*, seize] 1 greedily hungry 2 rapacious —*rav'e-nous-ly adv.*

**ra·vine** (rə vən') *n.* [Fr, flood] a long, deep hollow in the earth, esp. one worn by a stream; gorge

**rav'ing** *adj.* 1 that raves; frenzied 2 [Inf.] exciting enthusiastic admiration [*a raving beauty*] —*adv.* so as to cause raving [*raving mad*]

**ra·vi·o·li** (rav'ē ō'lē) *n., pl.* -li or -lis [It] small casings of dough filled with meat, cheese, etc.

**rav·ish** (rav'ish) *vt.* [*< L rapere*, seize] 1 to seize and carry away forcibly 2 to rape (a woman) 3 to transport with joy or delight —*rav'ish-ment n.*

**rav'ish·ing** *adj.* causing great joy

**raw** (rô) *adj.* [OE *hreaw*] 1 not cooked 2 in its natural condition; not processed [*raw silk*] 3 inexperienced [*a raw recruit*] 4 abraded and sore 5 uncomfortably cold and damp [*a raw wind*] 6 brutal, coarse, indecent, etc. 7 [Inf.] harsh or unfair [*a raw deal*] —*in the raw* 1 in the natural state 2 naked — *raw'ness n.*

**raw bar** a place serving uncooked shellfish

**raw'boned'** (-bōnd') *adj.* lean; gaunt

**raw'hide'** *n.* 1 an untanned cattle hide 2 a whip made of this

**ray**<sup>1</sup> (rā) *n.* [*< L radius*] 1 any of the thin lines, or beams, of light that appear to come from a bright source 2 any of several lines radiating from a center 3 a tiny amount [*a ray of hope*] 4 a beam of radiant energy, radioactive particles, etc.

**ray**<sup>2</sup> (rā) *n.* [*< L raia*] a cartilaginous fish with a broad, flat body, widely expanded fins on both sides, and a whiplike tail

**ray·on** (rā'än) *n.* [*< RAY*<sup>1</sup>] 1 a textile fiber made from a cellulose solution 2 a fabric of such fibers

**raze** (rāz) *vt.* razed, raz'ing [*< L radere*, to scrape] to tear down completely; demolish

**ra·zor** (rā'zər) *n.* [see prec.] 1 a sharp-edged cutting instrument for shaving, cutting hair, etc. 2 SHAVER (sense 2)

**razor wire** sharp-edged wire, as for fences

**razz** (raz) *vt.* [*< RASPBERRY*] [Slang] to tease, ridicule, etc.

**raz·zle·daz·zle** (raz'əl daz'əl) *n.* [Slang] a flashy, deceptive display

**razz·ma·tazz** (raz'mə taz') *n.* [prob. *< prec.*] [Slang] 1 lively spirit 2 flashy

display

**RBI** or **rbi** *n., pl.* RBIs or RBI, rbi's or rbi *Baseball* run batted in

**RC** *abbrev.* Roman Catholic

**rd** *abbrev.* 1 rod 2 round

**Rd** *abbrev.* Road

**RD** *abbrev.* Rural Delivery

**RDA** *abbrev.* Recommended Daily (or Dietary) Allowance: the amount of protein, vitamins, etc. suggested for various age groups

**re**<sup>1</sup> (rā) *n.* [It] *Music* the second tone of the diatonic scale

**re**<sup>2</sup> (rē, rā) *prep.* [L *< res*, thing] in the matter of; as regards

**re-** [*< Fr or L*] *prefix* 1 back 2 again; anew It is sometimes hyphenated, as before a word beginning with *e* or to distinguish between such forms as *re-cover* (to cover again) and *RECOVER* The words in the following list can be understood if "again" or "anew" is added to the meaning of the base word:

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| reacquaint   | refinance   |
| reacquire    | reformulate |
| readjust     | refuel      |
| readmit      | refurnish   |
| reaffirm     | rehear      |
| realign      | reheat      |
| reappear     | rehire      |
| reapply      | reinfect    |
| reappoint    | reinsert    |
| reappraise   | reinspect   |
| rearm        | reinvest    |
| reassemble   | reissue     |
| reassert     | rekindle    |
| reassess     | relearn     |
| reassign     | reload      |
| reawaken     | remake      |
| reborn       | remarry     |
| rebroadcast  | rematch     |
| rebuild      | remix       |
| recharge     | rename      |
| recheck      | renegotiate |
| reclassify   | renominate  |
| recommence   | renumber    |
| reconquer    | reoccupy    |
| reconvene    | reoccur     |
| reconvert    | reopen      |
| recopy       | reorder     |
| re-cover     | repack      |
| redecorate   | repackage   |
| rededicate   | repaint     |
| redesign     | rephrase    |
| redirect     | replay      |
| rediscover   | re-press    |
| redistribute | reprint     |
| redivide     | republish   |
| redraw       | reread      |
| reedit       | rerelease   |
| reeducate    | reroute     |
| reelect      | reschedule  |
| reembark     | resell      |
| reemerge     | reset       |
| reemphasize  | resettle    |
| reenact      | reshuffle   |
| reenlist     | respell     |
| reenter      | restate     |
| reestablish  | restring    |
| reevaluate   | restudy     |
| reexamine    | restyle     |
| reexplain    | resupply    |
| refashion    | retell      |
| refasten     | retest      |



rethink  
retrain  
retrial  
reunite  
reupholster

reuse  
revitalize  
reweigh  
rework  
rezone

**reach** (rēch) *vt.* [OE *ræcan*] 1 to thrust out (the hand, etc.) 2 to extend to by thrusting out, etc. 3 to obtain and hand over [*reach me the salt*] 4 to go as far as; attain 5 to influence; affect 6 to get in touch with, as by telephone —*vi.* 1 to thrust out the hand, etc. 2 to extend in influence, space, amount, etc. 3 to carry: said of sight, sound, etc. 4 to try to get something —*n.* 1 a stretching or thrusting out 2 the power of, or the extent covered in, stretching, obtaining, etc. 3 a continuous extent, esp. of water

**re·act** (rē akt') *vi.* 1 to act in return or reciprocally 2 to act in opposition 3 to act in a reverse way; go back to a former condition; stage, etc. 4 to respond to a stimulus 5 *Chem.* to act with another substance in a chemical change

**re·ac·tant** (rē ak'tənt) *n.* any substance involved in a chemical reaction

**re·ac·tion** (rē ak'shən) *n.* 1 a return or opposing action, etc. 2 a response, as to a stimulus or influence 3 a movement back to a former or less advanced condition; extreme conservatism 4 a chemical change

**re·ac·tion·ar'y** (-shə ner'ē) *adj.* of, characterized by, or advocating reaction, esp. in politics —*n., pl.* -ies an advocate of reaction, esp. in politics

**re·ac·ti·vate** (rē ak'tə vāt') *vt., vi.* -vat'ed, -vat'ing to make or be made active again; specif., to return (a military unit, ship, etc.) to active status — **re·ac·ti·va'tion** *n.*

**re·ac'tive** (-tiv) *adj.* 1 tending to react 2 of, from, or showing reaction — **re·ac·tiv'i·ty** *n.*

**re·ac'tor** (-tər) *n.* NUCLEAR REACTOR

**read**<sup>1</sup> (rēd) *vt.* **read** (red), **read·ing** (rēd' in) [OE *rædan*, to counsel] 1 to get the meaning of (writing) by interpreting the characters 2 to utter aloud (written matter) 3 to understand or interpret 4 to foretell (the future) 5 [Brit.] to study [*to read law*] 6 to register: said as of a gauge 7 [Slang] to hear and understand [*I read you*] 8 *Comput.* to access (data) from (a disk, tape, etc.) —*vi.* 1 to read something written 2 to learn by reading: with *about* or *of* 3 to contain certain words — **read into** to attribute (a particular meaning) to — **read out of** to expel from (a group) — **read'a·bil'i·ty** *n.* — **read'a·ble** *adj.* — **read'er** *n.*

**read**<sup>2</sup> (red) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of READ<sup>1</sup> — *adj.* informed by reading [*well-read*]*

**read·er·ship** (rēd'ər ship') *n.* the people who read a certain publication, author, etc.

**read·i·ly** (red'ə lē) *adv.* 1 willingly 2 easily

**read·ing** (rēd'in) *n.* 1 the act of one who reads 2 material to be read 3 the amount measured by a barometer, ther-

mometer, etc. 4 a particular interpretation or performance

**read·out** (rēd'out') *n.* 1 the retrieving of information from a computer 2 information from a computer, thermostat, etc. displayed visually or recorded, as on tape

**read·y** (red'ē) *adj.* -i·er, -i·est [OE *ræde*] 1 prepared to act or be used immediately 2 willing 3 likely or liable; apt [*ready to cry*] 4 dexterous 5 prompt [*a ready reply*] 6 available at once [*ready cash*] —*vt.* -ied, -y·ing to prepare — **at the ready** prepared for immediate use — **read'i·ness** *n.*

**read'y·made'** *adj.* made so as to be ready for use or sale at once: also, as applied to clothing, **read'y·to·wear'**

**Rea·gan** (rā'gən), **Ron·ald** (Wilson) (rān' əld) 1911- ; 40th president of the U.S. (1981-89)

**re·a·gent** (rē ā'jənt) *n.* *Chem.* a substance used to detect, measure, or react with another substance

**re·al** (rē'al, rēl) *adj.* [OE *res*, thing] 1 existing as or in fact; actual; true 2 authentic; genuine 3 *Law* of or relating to permanent, immovable things [*real property*] —*adv.* [Inf.] very — **for real** [Slang] real or really

**real estate** 1 land, including the buildings, etc. on it 2 the buying and selling of this

**re·al·ism** (rē'al liz'am) *n.* 1 a tendency to face facts and be practical 2 the picturing in art and literature of people and things as they really appear to be — **re'al·ist** *n.* — **re'al·is'tic** *adj.* — **re'al·is'ti·cal·ly** *adv.*

**re·al·i·ty** (rē al'ə tē) *n., pl.* -ties 1 the quality or fact of being real 2 a person or thing that is real; fact — **in reality** in fact; actually

**re·al·ize** (rē'al liz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing 1 to make real; achieve 2 to understand fully 3 to convert (assets, rights, etc.) into money 4 to gain; obtain [*to realize a profit*] 5 to be sold for (a specified sum) — **re'al·i·za'tion** *n.*

**re'al·life'** *adj.* actual; not imaginary

**re'al·ly** *adv.* 1 in reality 2 truly — *interj.* indeed: used to express surprise, doubt, etc.

**realm** (relm) *n.* [see REGAL] 1 a kingdom 2 a region; sphere

**Re·al·tor** (rē'al tər, -tôr') *trademark* for a real estate broker or appraiser who is a member of the National Association of Realtors —*n.* [r-] a real estate agent

**re·al·ty** (rē'al tē) *n.* REAL ESTATE

**ream**<sup>1</sup> (rēm) *n.* [OE *rizma*, a bale] 1 a quantity of paper varying from 480 to 516 sheets 2 [*pl.*] [Inf.] a great amount

**ream**<sup>2</sup> (rēm) *vt.* [OE *reman*] to enlarge (a hole) as with a reamer

**ream'er** *n.* 1 a sharp-edged tool for enlarging or tapering holes 2 a juicer

**re·an·i·mate** (rē an'ə māt') *vt.* -mat'ed, -mat'ing to give new life, power, or vigor to — **re·an·i·ma'tion** *n.*

**reap** (rēp) *vt., vi.* [OE *ripan*] 1 to cut (grain) with a scythe, reaper, etc. 2 to gather (a harvest) 3 to obtain as the reward of action, etc.



**reap'er** *n.* 1 one who reaps 2 a machine for reaping grain

**re-ap·por·tion** (rē'ə pōr'shən) *vt.* to apportion again; specif., to change the distribution of (a legislature) so that members represent constituents equally —**re'ap·por·tion·ment** *n.*

**rear**<sup>1</sup> (rir) *n.* [see ARREARS] 1 the back part 2 the position behind or at the back 3 the part of an army, etc. farthest from the enemy 4 [Slang] the buttocks —*adj.* of, at, or in the rear —**bring up the rear** to come at the end

**rear**<sup>2</sup> (rir) *vt.* [OE *ræran*] 1 to put upright; elevate 2 to build; erect 3 to grow or breed 4 to educate, train, etc. [to rear a child] —*vi.* 1 to rise on the hind legs, as a horse does 2 to rise (up), in anger, etc. 3 to rise high

**rear admiral** a naval officer ranking above a captain

**rear-end'** *vt.* to crash into, or cause one's vehicle to crash into, the back end of (another vehicle)

**rear'most'** *adj.* farthest in the rear

**re-ar·range** (rē'ə rānj') *vt.* -ranged', -rang'ing to arrange again or in a different way

**rear'ward** *adj.* at, in, or toward the rear —*adv.* toward the rear: also **rear'wards**

**rea·son** (rē'zən) *n.* [< L *ratio*, a reckoning] 1 an explanation of an act, idea, etc. 2 a cause or motive 3 the ability to think, draw conclusions, etc. 4 good sense 5 sanity —*vi., vt.* 1 to think logically (about); analyze 2 to argue or infer —**stand to reason** to be logical —**rea'son·ing** *n.*

**rea'son·a·ble** *adj.* 1 able to reason 2 fair; just 3 sensible 4 not excessive —**rea'son·a·bly** *adv.*

**re-as·sure** (rē'ə shoər') *vt.* -sured', -sur'ing to restore to confidence —**re'as·sur·ance** *n.*

**re·bate** (rē'bāt') *vt.* -bat'ed, -bat'ing [< OFr *re-*, *RE-* + *abattre*, beat down] to give back (part of a payment) —*n.* a return of part of a payment

**Re·bek·ah** (ri bek'ə) *n.* Bible the wife of Isaac: also sp. **Re·bec'ca**

**reb·el** (reb'əl; *for v.* ri bel') *n.* [< L *re-*, again + *bellare*, wage war] one who resists authority —*adj.* 1 rebellious 2 of rebels —*vi.* **re·bel'**, -belled', -bel'ling 1 to resist authority 2 to feel or show strong aversion

**re·bel·lion** (ri bel'yən) *n.* 1 armed resistance to one's government 2 a defiance of any authority

**re·bel'lious** (-yəs) *adj.* 1 resisting authority 2 opposing control; defiant

**re·birth** (rē barth') *n.* 1 a new or second birth 2 a reawakening; revival

**re·boot** (rē bōōt') *vi., vt.* Comput. to boot again, as to restore normal operation

**re·bound** (ri bound'; *for n.* rē'bound') *vi.* to spring back, as upon impact —*n.* a rebounding, or a ball, etc. that rebounds —**on the rebound** 1 after it bounces back 2 just after being jilted

**re·buff** (ri buf') *n.* [< It *rabbuffare*, disarrange] 1 an abrupt refusal of offered advice, help, etc. 2 any repulse —*vt.* 1 to snub 2 to check or repulse

**re·buke** (ri byōōk') *vt.* -buked', -buk'ing [< OFr *re-*, back + *buchier*, to beat] to scold in a sharp way; reprimand —*n.* a reprimand

**re·bus** (rē'bəs) *n.* [L, lit., by things] a puzzle consisting of pictures, etc. combined to suggest words or phrases

**re·but** (ri but') *vt.* -but'ted, -but'ting [< OFr *re-*, back + *buter*, to thrust] to contradict or oppose, esp. in a formal manner by argument, proof, etc. —**re·but'tal** (-təl) *n.*

**rec** (rek) *n.* short for RECREATION: used in compounds, as **rec room**

**re·cal·ci·trant** (ri kal'si trənt) *adj.* [< L *re-*, back + *calcitrare*, to kick] 1 refusing to obey authority, etc. 2 hard to handle —**re·cal'ci·trance** *n.*

**re·call** (ri kôl'; *for n.* rē'kôl') *vt.* 1 to call back 2 to remember 3 to take back; revoke —*n.* 1 a recalling 2 memory 3 the removal of, or right to remove, an official from office by popular vote

**re·cant** (ri kant') *vt., vi.* [< L *re-*, back + *canere*, sing] to renounce formally (one's beliefs, remarks, etc.) —**re·can·ta·tion** (rē'kan tā'shən) *n.*

**re·cap**<sup>1</sup> (rē kap'; *also, and for n.* always, rē'kap') *vt.* -capped', -cap'ping to put a new tread on (a worn tire) —*n.* such a tire

**re·cap**<sup>2</sup> (rē'kap') *n.* a recapitulation, or summary —*vt., vi.* -capped', -cap'ping to recapitulate

**re·ca·pit·u·late** (rē'kə pich'ə lāt') *vi., vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [see RE- & CAPITULATE] to repeat briefly; summarize —**re'ca·pit'u·la'tion** *n.*

**re·cap·ture** (rē kap'chər) *vt.* -tured, -tur'ing 1 to capture again; retake 2 to remember —*n.* a recapturing

**recd** or **rec'd** *abbrev.* received

**re·cede** (ri sēd') *vi.* -ced'ed, -ced'ing [see RE- & CEDE] 1 to go, move, or slope backward 2 to diminish

**re·ceipt** (ri sēt') *n.* [see RECEIVE] 1 old-fashioned *var.* of RECIPE 2 a receiving or being received 3 a written acknowledgment that something has been received 4 [*pl.*] the amount, as of money, received —*vt.* to write a receipt for (goods, etc.)

**re·ceiv·a·ble** (ri sē'və bəl) *adj.* 1 that can be received 2 due —*n.* [*pl.*] outstanding bills, loans, etc.

**re·ceive** (ri sēv') *vt.* -ceived', -ceiv'ing [< L *re-*, back + *capere*, take] 1 to take or get (something given, thrown, sent, etc.) 2 to experience; undergo [to receive acclaim] 3 to bear or hold 4 to react to in a specified way 5 to learn [to receive news] 6 to let enter 7 to greet (visitors, etc.)

**re·ceived'** *adj.* accepted; considered as standard

**re·ceiv'er** *n.* one that receives; specif., a) a device that converts electrical waves or signals into audible or visual signals b) a football player designated to receive a forward pass c) one appointed by a court to administer or hold in trust property in bankruptcy or in a lawsuit —**re·ceiv'er·ship'** *n.*



**re·cen·sion** (ri sen'shən) *n.* [*< L recensere, revise*] a revision of a text based on a critical study of sources

**re·cent** (rē'sənt) *adj.* [*< L recens*] 1 done, made, etc. just before the present; new 2 of a time just before the present —**re·cent·ly** *adv.*

**re·cep·ta·cle** (ri sep'tə kəl) *n.* [*see RECEIVE*] a container

**re·cep·tion** (ri sep'shən) *n.* 1 *a)* a receiving or being received *b)* the manner of this 2 a social function for the receiving of guests 3 *Radio, TV* the receiving of signals, with reference to the quality of reproduction

**re·cep·tion·ist** *n.* an office employee who receives callers, etc.

**re·cep·tive** *adj.* able or ready to accept new ideas, suggestions, etc.

**re·cep·tor** *n.* a nerve ending or group of nerve endings specialized for receiving stimuli

**re·cess** (rē'ses; *also, & for v. usually, ri ses')* *n.* [*< L recedere, recede*] 1 a hollow place, as in a wall 2 a hidden or inner place 3 a temporary halting as of work, a session, etc. —**vt.** 1 to place in a recess 2 to halt temporarily —**vi.** to take a recess

**re·ces·sion** (ri sesh'ən) *n.* 1 a going back; withdrawal 2 a temporary falling off of business activity

**re·ces'sion·al** *n.* a piece of music at the end of a church service played when the clergy, etc. march out

**re·ces·sive** (ri ses'iv) *adj.* 1 tending to recede 2 *Genetics* designating or of that one of any pair of hereditary factors which remains latent —*n.* *Genetics* a recessive character or characters

**re·cher·ché** (rə sher'shā, -sher'shā') *adj.* [*Fr*] 1 rare; choice 2 refined; esp., too refined

**re·cid·i·vism** (ri sid'ə viz'əm) *n.* [*< L re-, back + cadere, to fall*] habitual or chronic relapse, esp. into crime

**rec·i·pe** (res'ə pē') *n.* [*L < recipere, receive*] 1 a list of materials and directions for preparing a dish or drink 2 a way to achieve something

**re·cip·i·ent** (ri sip'ē ənt) *n.* [*see RECEIVE*] one that receives

**re·cip·ro·cal** (ri sip'rə kəl) *adj.* [*< L reciprocus, returning*] 1 done, given, etc. in return 2 mutual [*reciprocal love*] 3 corresponding but reversed 4 corresponding or complementary —*n.* 1 a complement, counterpart, etc. 2 *Math.* the quantity resulting from the division of 1 by the given quantity [*the reciprocal of 7 is 1/7*]

**re·cip'ro·cate'** (-kāt') *vt., vi.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing 1 to give and get reciprocally 2 to do, feel, etc. in return 3 to move alternately back and forth —**re·cip'ro·ca'tion** *n.*

**rec·i·proc·i·ty** (res'ə präs'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 reciprocal state 2 mutual exchange; esp., exchange of special privileges between two countries

**re·cit·al** (ri sīt'l) *n.* 1 a reciting 2 the account, story, etc. told 3 a musical or dance program

**rec·i·ta·tion** (res'ə tā'shən) *n.* 1 a reciting, as of facts, events, etc. 2 *a)* a saying aloud in public of something memorized *b)* a piece so presented 3 a reciting by pupils of answers to questions on a prepared lesson

**rec·i·ta·tive'** (-tə tēv') *n.* [*< It: see fol.*] a type of declamation, as for operatic dialogue, with the rhythms of speech, but in musical tones

**re·cite** (ri sīt') *vt., vi.* -cit'ed, -cit'ing [*see RE- & CITE*] 1 to say aloud from memory, as a poem, lesson, etc. 2 to tell in detail; relate

**reck·less** (rek'lis) *adj.* [*OE recceleas*] careless; heedless —**reck'less·ly** *adv.* —**reck'less·ness** *n.*

**reck·on** (rek'an) *vt.* [*OE -recenian*] 1 to count; compute 2 to estimate 3 [*Inf. or Dial.*] to suppose —**vi.** 1 to count up 2 [*Inf.*] to rely (*on*) —**reckon with** to take into consideration

**reck'on·ing** *n.* 1 count or computation 2 the settlement of an account

**re·claim** (ri klām') *vt.* [*see RE- & CLAIM*] 1 to bring back (a person) from error, vice, etc. 2 to make (wasteland, etc.) usable 3 to recover (useful materials) from waste products —**rec·la·ma·tion** (rek'lə mā'shən) *n.*

**re·cline** (ri klīn') *vt., vi.* -clined', -clin'ing [*< L re-, back + clinare, lean*] to lie or cause to lie down

**re·clin'er** *n.* an upholstered armchair with an adjustable back and seat for reclining; also **reclining chair**

**rec·luse** (rek'lōos, ri klōos') *n.* [*< L re-, back + claudere, shut*] one who lives a secluded, solitary life

**rec·og·ni·tion** (rek'æg nish'ən) *n.* 1 a recognizing or being recognized 2 identification of a person or thing as having been known before

**re·cog·ni·zance** (ri kæg'ni zəns, -kän'i-) *n.* [*< L re-, again + cognoscere, know*] *Law* a bond binding one to some act, as to appear in court

**rec·og·nize** (rek'æg nīz') *vt.* -nized', -niz'ing [*see prec.*] 1 to be aware of as someone or something known before 2 to know by some detail, as of appearance 3 to perceive 4 to accept as a fact [*to recognize defeat*] 5 to acknowledge as worthy of approval 6 to acknowledge the status of (a government, etc.) 7 to grant the right to speak in a meeting —**rec'og·niz'a·ble** *adj.*

**re·coil** (ri kōil'; *also for n. rē'kōil')* *vi.* [*< L re-, back + culus, buttocks*] 1 to draw back, as in fear, etc. 2 to spring or kick back, as a gun when fired —*n.* a recoiling

**rec·ol·lect** (rek'ə lekt') *vt., vi.* [*see RE- & COLLECT*] to remember, esp. with some effort —**rec'ol·lec'tion** *n.*

**re·com·bi·nant DNA** (rē kām'bə nənt) DNA formed in the laboratory by splicing together pieces of DNA from different species, as to create new life forms

**rec·om·mend** (rek'ə mend') *vt.* [*see RE- & COMMEND*] 1 to entrust 2 to suggest favorably as suited for some position, etc. 3 to make acceptable 4 to advise; counsel —**rec'om·men·da'tion** *n.*

**re·com·mit** (rē'kə mit') *vt.* -mit'ted,



-mit'ting 1 to commit again 2 to refer (a question, bill, etc.) back to a committee

**rec·om·pense** (rek'am pens') *vt.* -pensed', -pens'ing [see RE- & COMPENSATE] 1 to repay or reward 2 to compensate (a loss, etc.) —*n.* 1 requital; reward 2 compensation

**rec·on·cile** (rek'an sil') *vt.* -ciled', -cil'ing [see RE- & CONCILIATE] 1 to make friendly again 2 to settle (a quarrel, etc.) 3 to make (ideas, accounts, etc.) consistent 4 to make acquiescent (to) —**rec'on·cil'a·ble** *adj.* —**rec'on·cil'i·a'tion** (-sil'ē ā'shən) *n.*

**rec·on·dite** (rek'an dīt') *adj.* [< L *re-*, back + *condere*, to hide] beyond ordinary understanding; abstruse

**re·con·di·tion** (rē'kən dish'an) *vt.* to put back in good condition, as by repairing

**re·con·nais·sance** (ri kən'ə səns) *n.* [Fr: see RECOGNIZANCE] a survey of a region, as in seeking out information about enemy positions

**rec·on·noi·ter** (rek'ə noi'tər, rē'kə-) *vt., vi.* to make a reconnaissance (of): also [Chiefly Brit.] **rec'on·noi'tre**, -tred, -tring

**re·con·sid·er** (rē'kən sid'ər) *vt., vi.* to think over again, esp. with a view to changing a decision

**re·con·sti·tute** (rē kən'stə tōōt') *vt.* -tut'ed, -tut'ing to constitute again; specif., to restore (a dried or condensed substance) to its full liquid form by adding water

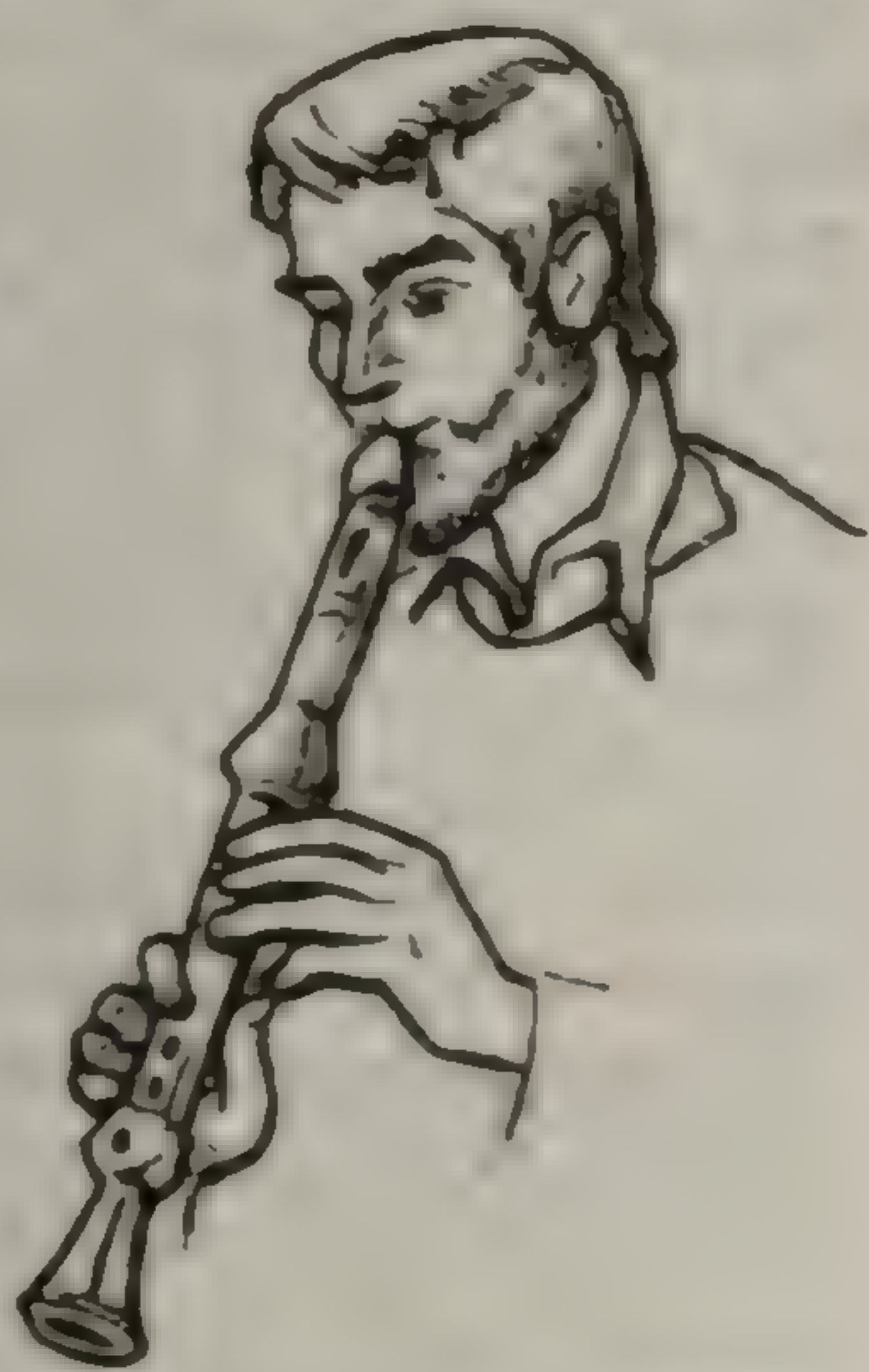
**re·con·struct** (rē'kən strukt') *vt.* 1 to construct again; rebuild 2 to build up, as from remains, an image of the original

**re'con·struc'tion** *n.* 1 a reconstructing 2 [R-] the process or period, after the Civil War, of reestablishing the Southern States in the Union

**re·cord** (ri kōrd'; *for n. & adj.* rek'ərd) *vt.* [< L *recordari*, remember] 1 to write down for future use 2 to register, as on a graph 3 to register (sound or visual images) on a disc, tape, etc. for later reproduction —*n.* **rec'ord** 1 the condition of being recorded 2 anything written down and preserved; account of events 3 *a)* the known facts about anyone or anything *b)* the recorded crimes of a person 4 a grooved disc for playing on a phonograph 5 the best official performance achieved —*adj.* **rec'ord** being the best, largest, etc. —*on* (or *off* *the*) **record** publicly (or confidentially) declared

**re·cord'er** *n.* 1 an official who keeps records 2 a machine or device that records; esp., a TAPE RECORDER 3 an early wind instrument

**re·cord'ing** *n.* 1 that which is recorded, as on a disc or tape 2 a record, disc, etc.



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**re·count**<sup>1</sup> (ri kount') *vt.* [see RE- & COUNT<sup>1</sup>] to tell in detail; narrate

**re·count**<sup>2</sup> (rē'kount'; *for n.* rē'kount') *vt.* to count again —*n.* a recounting, as of votes

**re·coup** (ri kōōp') *vt.* [< Fr *re-*, again + *couper*, to cut] to make up for or regain [to recoup a loss]

**re·course** (rē'kōrs', ri kōrs') *n.* [see RE- & COURSE] 1 a turning for aid, safety, etc. 2 that to which one turns seeking aid, safety, etc.

**re·cov·er** (ri kuv'ər) *vt.* [< L *recuperare*] 1 to get back (something lost, etc.) 2 to regain (health, etc.) 3 to make up for [to recover losses] 4 to save (oneself) from a fall, etc. 5 to reclaim (land from the sea, etc.) 6 *Sports* to get control of (a fumbled ball, etc.) —*vi.* 1 to regain health, balance, or control 2 *Sports* to regain control of a fumbled ball, etc.

**re·cov'er·y** *n., pl. -ies* a recovering; specif., *a)* a regaining of something lost *b)* a return to health *c)* a retrieval of a capsule, etc. after a spaceflight

**recovery room** a hospital room where postoperative patients are kept for close observation and care

**rec·re·ant** (rek'rē ənt) [Archaic] *adj.* [< OFr *recreire*, surrender allegiance] 1 cowardly 2 disloyal —*n.* 1 a coward 2 a traitor

**rec·re·a·tion** (rek'rē ā'shən) *n.* [< L *recreare*, refresh] any form of play, amusement, etc. used to relax or refresh the body or mind —**rec're·ate'**, -at'ed, -at'ing, *vt., vi.* —**rec're·a'tion·al** *adj.*

**re·crim·i·nate** (ri krim'ə nāt') *vi.* -nat'ed, -nat'ing [< L *re-*, back + *crimen*, offense] to answer an accuser by accusing that person in return —**re·crim'i·na'tion** *n.*

**re·cru·desce** (rē'krōō des') *vi.* -desced', -desc'ing [< L *re-*, again + *crudus*, raw] to break out again after being inactive —**re'cru·des'cence** *n.* —**re'cru·des'cent** *adj.*

**re·cruit** (ri krōōt') *vt., vi.* [< L *re-*, again + *crescere*, grow] 1 to enlist (personnel) into an army or navy 2 to enlist (new members) for an organization —*n.* 1 a newly enlisted or drafted soldier, etc. 2 a new member of any group —**re·cruit'er** *n.*

**rec·tal** (rek'təl) *adj.* of, for, or near the rectum

**rec·tan·gle** (rek'tanj'gəl) *n.* [< L *rectus*, straight + *angulus*, a corner] a four-sided plane figure with four right angles —**rec·tan'gu·lar** (-gyə lər) *adj.*

**rec·ti·fy** (rek'tə fī') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [< L *rectus*, straight + *facere*, make] 1 to put right; correct 2 *Elec.* to convert (alternating current) to direct current —**rec'ti·fi·ca'tion** *n.* —**rec'ti·fi'er** *n.*

**rec·ti·lin·e·ar** (rek'tə lin'ē ər) *adj.* bounded or formed by straight lines

**rec·ti·tude** (rek'tə tōōd') *n.* [< L *rectus*, right] strict honesty; uprightness of character

**rec·tor** (rek'tər) *n.* [< L *regere*, to rule] 1 in some churches, a clergyman in



charge of a parish 2 the head of certain schools, colleges, etc.

**rec-to-ry** (rek'tər ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries the house of a minister or priest

**rec-tum** (rek'təm) *n.*, *pl.* -tums or -ta (-tə) [*< L rectum (intestinum)*, straight (intestine)] the lowest, or last, segment of the large intestine

**re-cum-bent** (ri kum'bənt) *adj.* [*< L re-*, back + *-cumbere*, lie down] lying down; reclining

**re-cu-per-ate** (ri koo'pə rāt') *vt.*, *vi.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*< L recuperare*, recover] 1 to get well again 2 to recover (losses, etc.) —**re-cu-per-a'tion** *n.* —**re-cu'per-a'tive** (-pə rāt'iv, -pə rə tiv) *adj.*

**re-cur** (ri kər') *vi.* -curred', -cur'ring [*< L re-*, back + *currere*, run] 1 to return in thought, talk, etc. 2 to occur again or at intervals —**re-cur'ence** *n.* —**re-cur'rent** *adj.*

**re-cy-cle** (rē sī'kəl) *vt.* -cled, -cling 1 to pass through a cycle again 2 to use again and again, as the same water 3 *a)* to process in order to use again [*to recycle paper*] *b)* to gather up and turn in (newspapers, etc.) for such processing

**red** (red) *n.* [*OE read*] 1 the color of blood 2 any red pigment 3 [*often R-*] [*Inf.*] a communist —*adj.* **red'der**, **red'dest** 1 of the color red 2 [*often R-*] communist —*in the red* losing money — *see red* [*Inf.*] to become angry — **red'dish** *adj.* —**red'ness** *n.*

**re-dact** (ri dakt') *vt.* [*< L redigere*, get in order] to prepare for publication; edit —**re-dac'tion** *n.* —**re-dac'tor** *n.*

**red blood cell** (or **corpuscle**) ERYTHROCYTE

**red'-blood'ed** *adj.* high-spirited and strong-willed; vigorous

**red'cap'** *n.* a baggage porter, as in a railroad station

**red carpet** a very grand or impressive welcome and entertainment: with *the* —**red'-car'pet** *adj.*

**red'coat'** *n.* a British soldier in a uniform with a red coat, as during the American Revolution

**Red Cross** an international society for the relief of suffering in time of war or disaster

**redd** (red) *vt.*, *vi.* redd or redd'ed, redd'ing [*< OE hreddan*, take away] [*Inf.* or *Dial.*] to put in order; tidy: usually with *up*

**red deer** a deer of Europe and Asia

**red-den** (red'n) *vt.* to make red —*vi.* to become red; esp., to blush

**re-deem** (ri dēm') *vt.* [*< L re(d)-*, back + *emere*, get] 1 to buy or get back; recover 2 to pay off (a mortgage, etc.) 3 to turn in (a coupon, etc.) for a discount, premium, etc. 4 to ransom 5 to deliver from sin 6 to fulfill (a promise) 7 *a)* to make amends or atone for *b)* to restore (oneself) to favor —**re-deem'a-ble** *adj.* —**re-deem'er** *n.* —**re-demp-tion** (ri demp'shən) *n.*

**re-de-ploy** (rē'di ploi') *vt.*, *vi.* to move (troops, etc.) from one front or area to another —**re'de-ploy'ment** *n.*

**re-de-vel-op** (rē'di vel'əp) *vt.* 1 to develop again 2 to rebuild or restore — **re'de-vel'op-ment** *n.*

**red'-flag'** *vt.* -flagged', -flag'ging to mark or otherwise indicate as being risky, etc.

**red'-hand'ed** *adv.* in the very commission of crime or wrongdoing

**red'head'** *n.* a person with red hair

**red herring** [*< herring drawn across the trace in hunting to divert the hounds*] something used to divert attention from the basic issue

**red'-hot'** *adj.* 1 hot enough to glow 2 very excited, angry, etc. 3 very new

**re-dis'trict** *vt.* to divide anew into districts

**red'-let'ter** *adj.* designating a memorable or joyous day or event

**red'lin'ing** (-lin'in) *n.* [*from outlining such areas in red on a map*] the refusal by some banks or companies to issue loans or insurance on property in certain neighborhoods

**re-do** (rē dōō') *vt.* -did', -done', -do'ing 1 to do again 2 to redecorate

**red-o-lent** (red'l ənt) *adj.* [*< L re(d)-*, intens. + *olere*, to smell] 1 sweet-smelling 2 smelling (*of*) 3 suggestive (*of*) — **red'o-lence** *n.*

**re-dou-ble** (rē dub'əl) *vt.*, *vi.* -bled, -bling to make or become twice as much or twice as great

**re-doubt** (ri dout') *n.* [*see REDUCE*] 1 a breastwork 2 any stronghold

**re-doubt'a-ble** *adj.* [*< L re-*, intens. + *dubitare*, to doubt] formidable —**re-doubt'a-bly** *adv.*

**re-dound** (ri dound') *vi.* [*< L re(d)-*, intens. + *undare*, to surge] 1 to have a result (*to the credit or discredit of*) 2 to come back; react (*upon*)

**re-dress** (ri dres'; *for n.*, usually rē'dres') *vt.* [*see RE- & DRESS*] to compensate for (a wrong, etc.) —*n.* 1 compensation 2 a redressing

**Red Sea** sea between NE Africa & W Arabia

**red snapper** a reddish, edible, deep-water fish

**red tape** [*< tape for tying official papers*] rules and details that waste time and effort

**red tide** sea water discolored by red algae poisonous to marine life

**re-duce** (ri dōōs') *vt.* -duced', -duc'ing [*< L re-*, back + *ducere*, to lead] 1 to lessen, as in size, price, etc. 2 to put into a different form 3 to lower, as in rank or condition —*vi.* to lose weight, as by dieting

**re-duc-tion** (ri duk'shən) *n.* 1 a reducing or being reduced 2 anything made by reducing 3 the amount by which anything is reduced

**re-dun-dant** (ri dun'dənt) *adj.* [*see REDOUND*] 1 excess; superfluous 2 wordy 3 unnecessary to the meaning: said of words and affixes —**re-dun'dan-cy** *n.*

**red'wood'** *n.* 1 a giant evergreen of the Pacific coast 2 its reddish wood

**re-ech-o** or **re-ech-o** (rē ek'ō) *vt.*, *vi.* -oed, -o-ing to echo back or again —*n.*,



*pl.* -oes the echo of an echo

**reed** (rēd) *n.* [OE *hreed*] 1 a tall, slender grass 2 a rustic musical instrument made from a hollow stem 3 *Music* a thin strip of wood, plastic, etc. placed against the mouthpiece, as of a clarinet, and vibrated by the breath to produce a tone —**reed'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**reef**<sup>1</sup> (rēf) *n.* [prob. < ON *rif*, a rib] a ridge of rock, coral, or sand at or near the surface of the water

**reef**<sup>2</sup> (rēf) *n.* [ME *riff*] a part of a sail which can be folded or rolled up and made fast to reduce the area exposed to the wind —**vt.**, *vi.* to reduce the size of (a sail) by taking in part of it

**reef'er** *n.* [Slang] 'a marijuana cigarette

**reek** (rēk) *n.* [OE *rec*] a strong, unpleasant smell —**vi.** to have a strong, offensive smell

**reel**<sup>1</sup> (rēl) *n.* [OE *hreo*l] 1 a spool on which wire, film, fishing line, etc. is wound 2 the quantity of wire, film, etc. usually wound on one reel —**vt.** to wind on a reel —**vi.** 1 to sway, stagger, etc. as from drunkenness or dizziness 2 to spin; whirl —**reel in** 1 to wind on a reel 2 to pull in (a fish) by using a reel —**reel off** to tell, write, etc. easily and quickly —**reel out** to unwind from a reel

**reel**<sup>2</sup> (rēl) *n.* [prob. < prec.] a lively dance

**re-en-try** or **re-en-try** (rē en'trē) *n.*, *pl.* -tries a coming back, as of a space vehicle, into the earth's atmosphere

**ref**<sup>1</sup> (ref) *n.*, *vt.*, *vi.* [Inf.] short for REFEREE

**ref**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 referee 2 reference 3 reformed 4 refund

**re-face** (rē fās') *vt.* -faced', -fac'ing to put a new facing or covering on

**re-fec-tion** (ri fek'shən) *n.* [< L *re-*, again + *facere*, make] a light meal; lunch

**re-fec-to-ry** (ri fek'tə rē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries a dining hall, as in a monastery

**re-fer** (ri fər') *vt.* -ferred', -fer'ring [< L *re-*, back + *ferre*, to bear] 1 to submit (a quarrel, etc.) for settlement 2 to direct to someone or something for aid, information, etc. —**vi.** 1 to relate or apply (to) 2 to direct attention (to) 3 to turn (to) for information, aid, etc. —**re-fer'rer** *n.*

**ref-er-ee** (ref'ə rē') *n.* 1 one to whom something is referred for decision 2 an official who enforces the rules in certain sports contests —**vt.**, *vi.* -eed', -ee'ing to act as referee (in)

**ref-er-ence** (ref'ər əns, ref'rəns) *n.* 1 a referring or being referred 2 relation [in *reference* to his letter] 3 *a)* the directing of attention to a person or thing *b)* a mention 4 *a)* an indication, as in a book, of some other source of information *b)* such a source 5 *a)* one who can offer information or recommendation *b)* a statement of character, ability, etc. by such a person

**ref-er-en-dum** (ref'ə ren'dəm) *n.*, *pl.* -dums or -da (-də) [L: see REFER] 1 the submission of a law to a direct vote of the people 2 the vote itself

**ref-er-ent** (ref'ər ənt) *n.* the thing referred to, esp. by a word or expression

**re-fer-ral** (ri fər'əl) *n.* 1 a referring or being referred 2 a person who is referred to another

**re-fill** (rē fil'; *for n.* rē'fil') *vt.*, *vi.* to fill again —*n.* 1 a unit to refill a special container 2 a refilling of a medical prescription —**re-fill'a-ble** *adj.*

**re-fine** (ri fīn') *vt.* -fined', -fin'ing [RE- + *fine*, make fine] 1 to free from impurities, etc. 2 to make more polished or elegant

**re-fined'** *adj.* 1 made free from impurities; purified 2 cultivated, elegant, etc. 3 subtle, precise, etc.

**re-fine'ment** *n.* 1 *a)* a refining or being refined *b)* the result of this 2 delicacy or elegance of manners, etc. 3 an improvement 4 a fine distinction; subtlety

**re-fin'er-y** *n.*, *pl.* -er-ies a plant for purifying materials, as oil, sugar, etc.

**re-fin-ish** (rē fin'ish) *vt.* to change or restore the finish of (furniture, etc.) —**re-fin'ish-er** *n.*

**re'fit** (rē fit') *vt.*, *vi.* -fit'ted, -fit'ting to make or be made fit for use again by repairing, reequipping, etc.

**re-flect** (ri flekt') *vt.* [< L *re-*, back + *flectere*, to bend] 1 to throw back (light, heat, or sound) 2 to give back an image of 3 to bring as a result [to *reflect* honor on the city] —**vi.** 1 to throw back light, heat, etc. 2 to give back an image 3 to think seriously (*on* or *upon*) 4 to cast blame or discredit (*on* or *upon*) —**re-flec'tive** *adj.*

**re-flec'tion** *n.* 1 a reflecting or being reflected 2 anything reflected 3 contemplation 4 a thoughtful idea or remark 5 blame; discredit

**re-flec'tor** *n.* a surface, object, etc. that reflects light, sound, heat, etc.

**re-flex** (rē'fleks') *adj.* [see REFLECT] designating or of an involuntary action, as a sneeze, resulting from the direct transmission of a stimulus to a muscle or gland —*n.* a reflex action

**re-flex-ive** (ri flek'siv) *adj.* 1 designating a grammatical relation in which a verb's subject and object refer to the same person or thing (Ex.: I wash myself) 2 designating a verb, pronoun, etc. in such a relation —**re-flex'ive-ly** *adv.*

**re-for-est** (rē fôr'ist) *vt.*, *vi.* to plant new trees on (land once forested) —**re'for-est-a'tion** *n.*

**re-form** (ri fôr'm') *vt.* [see RE- & FORM] 1 to make better as by stopping abuses 2 to cause (a person) to behave better —**vi.** to become better in behavior —*n.* a reforming

**re-form** (rē fôr'm') *vt.*, *vi.* to form again

**ref-or-ma-tion** (ref'ər mǎ'shən) *n.* a reforming or being reformed —the Reformation the 16th-c. religious movement that resulted in establishing the Protestant churches

**re-form-a-to-ry** (ri fôr'mə tōr'ē) *n.*, *pl.*

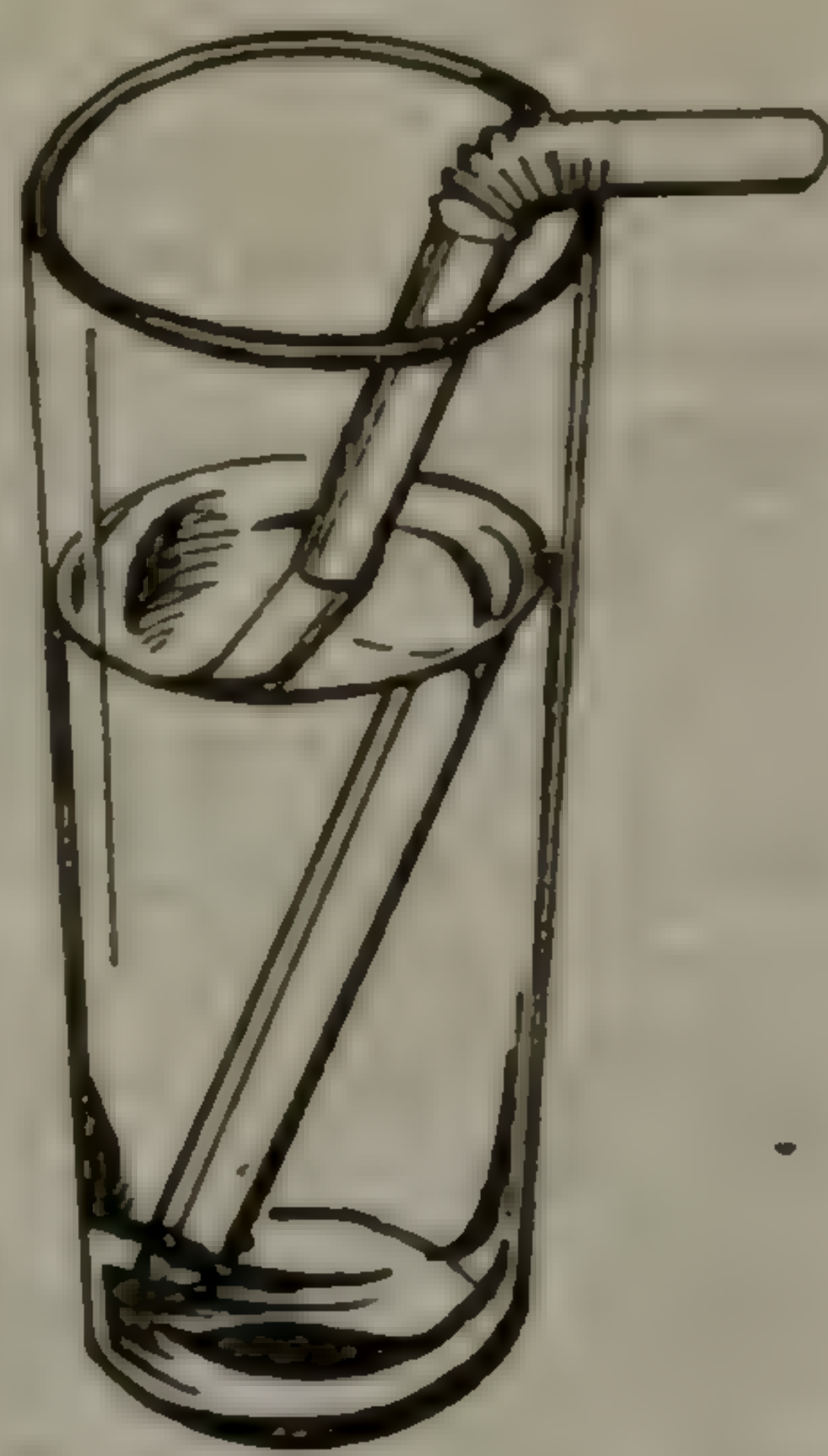


-ries an institution to which young offenders are sent to be reformed

**re-form'er** *n.* one who seeks to bring about political or social reform

**re-fract** (ri frakt') *vt.* [*< L refractus, turned aside < re-, back + frangere, to break*] to cause (a ray of light, etc.) to undergo refraction

**re-frac'tion** *n.* the bending of a ray or wave of light, heat, or sound as it passes from one medium to another



ILLUSION  
CAUSED BY  
REFRACTION

**re-frac-to-ry** (ri frak'tər ē) *adj.* [*see REFRACT*] hard to manage; stubborn

**re-frain**<sup>1</sup> (ri frān') *vi.* [*< L re-, back + frenare, to curb*] to hold back; keep oneself (from doing something)

**re-frain**<sup>2</sup> (ri frān') *n.* [*see REFRACT*] a phrase or verse repeated at intervals in a song or poem

**re-fresh** (ri fresh') *vt.* 1 to make fresh by cooling, wetting, etc. 2 to make (a person) feel cooler, stronger, etc., as by food, sleep, etc. 3 to replenish 4 to stimulate (the memory, etc.)

**re-fresh'ing** *adj.* 1 that refreshes 2 pleasingly new or different

**re-fresh'ment** *n.* 1 a refreshing or being refreshed 2 something that refreshes 3 [*pl.*] food or drink or both

**re-frig'er-ant** (rē frij'ə rənt) *n.* a substance used in refrigeration

**re-frig'er-ate** (ri frij'ə rāt') *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*< L re-, intens. + frigus, cold*] to make or keep cool or cold, as for preserving —**re-frig'er-a'tion** *n.*

**re-frig'er-a'tor** *n.* a box or room in which food, drink, etc. are kept cool

**ref-uge** (ref'yooj) *n.* [*< L re-, back + fugere, flee*] (a) shelter or protection from danger, difficulty, etc.

**ref-u-gee** (ref'yoo jē', ref'yoo jē') *n.* one who flees from home or country to seek refuge elsewhere

**re-ful-gent** (ri ful'jənt) *adj.* [*< L re-, back + fulgere, shine*] shining; radiant; glowing —**re-ful'gence** *n.*

**re-fund** (ri fund'; *for n. rē'fund'*) *vt., vi.* [*< L re-, back + fundere, pour*] to give back (money, etc.); repay —*n.* a refunding or the amount refunded

**re-fur-bish** (ri fur'bish) *vt.* [*RE- + FUR-BISH*] to renovate —**re-fur'bish-ment** *n.*

**re-fuse**<sup>1</sup> (ri fyooz') *vt., vi.* -fused', -fus'ing [*< L re-, back + fundere, pour*] 1 to decline to accept 2 to decline (to do something), to grant the request of (someone), etc. —**re-fus'al** *n.*

**ref-use**<sup>2</sup> (ref'yooz, -yooz) *n.* [*see prec.*] waste; trash; rubbish

**re-fute** (ri fyoot') *vt.* -fut'ed, -fut'ing [*L refutare, repel*] to prove to be false or wrong —**re-fut'a-ble** *adj.* —**ref-u-ta-tion**

(ref'yə tā'shən) *n.*

**reg** *abbrev.* 1 registered 2 regular 3 regulation

**re-gain** (ri gān') *vt.* 1 to get back; recover 2 to get back to

**re-gal** (rē'gəl) *adj.* [*< L rex, king*] of, like, or fit for a monarch

**re-gale** (ri gāl') *vt.* -galed', -gal'ing [*< Fr ré- (see RE-) + OFr gale, joy*] to amuse or delight as with a story

**re-ga-li-a** (ri gāl'yə) *pl.n.* [*see REGAL*] 1 royal insignia 2 the insignia as of a rank or society 3 finery

**re-gard** (ri gärd') *n.* [*see RE- & GUARD*] 1 a steady look; gaze 2 consideration; concern 3 respect and affection 4 reference; relation [*in regard to your plan*] 5 [*pl.*] good wishes —*vi.* 1 to look at attentively 2 to consider 3 to hold in affection and respect 4 to concern or involve —**as regards** concerning

**re-gard'ing** *prep.* concerning; about

**re-gard'less** *adv.* [*Inf.*] without regard for objections, etc.; anyway —**regard-less of** in spite of

**re-gat-ta** (ri gät'ə) *n.* [*< It*] 1 a boat race 2 a series of boat races

**re-gen-er-ate** (ri jen'ə rit; *for v., -rāt'*) *adj.* [*see RE- & GENERATE*] 1 spiritually reborn 2 renewed or restored —*vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing 1 to cause to be spiritually reborn 2 to cause to be completely reformed 3 to bring into existence again —*vi.* to form again, or be made anew —**re-gen'er-a'tion** *n.* —**re-gen'er-a'tive** (-rāt'iv, -rə tiv) *adj.*

**re-gent** (rē'jənt) *n.* [*< L regere, to rule*] 1 a person appointed to rule when a monarch is absent, too young, etc. 2 a member of a governing board, as of a university —**re'gen-cy** *n.*

**reg-gae** (reg'ā) *n.* [*< ?*] a form of strongly syncopated popular Jamaican music

**reg-i-cide** (rej'ə sīd') *n.* [*< L regis, of a king + -cida (see -CIDE)*] 1 one who kills a monarch 2 the killing of a monarch

**re-gime** or **ré-gime** (rə zhēm', rā-) *n.* [*see fol.*] 1 a political system 2 an administration

**reg-i-men** (rej'ə mən) *n.* [*< L regere, to rule*] a system of diet, exercise, etc. to improve health

**reg-i-ment** (rej'ə mənt; *for v., -ment'*) *n.* [*< L regere, to rule*] a military unit, smaller than a division —*vt.* 1 to organize systematically 2 to subject to strict discipline and control —**reg'i-men'tal** *adj.* —**reg'i-men-ta'tion** *n.*

**Re-gi-na** (ri jī'nə) capital of Saskatchewan, Canada: pop. 180,000

**re-gion** (rē'jən) *n.* [*< L regere, to rule*] 1 a large, indefinite part of the earth's surface 2 a division or part, as of an organism —**re'gion-al** *adj.*

**re'gion-al-ism'** *n.* 1 regional quality or character in life or literature 2 a word, etc. peculiar to some region

**reg-is-ter** (rej'is tər) *n.* [*< L regerere, to record*] 1 a) a list of names, items, etc. b) a book in which this is kept 2 a device for recording [*a cash register*] 3 an opening into a room by which the



amount of warm or cold air passing through can be controlled 4 *Music* a part of the range of a voice or instrument —*vt.* 1 to enter in a list 2 to indicate on or as on a scale 3 to show, as by facial expression [*to register surprise*] 4 to protect (mail) by paying a fee to have it handled by a special postal service —*vi.* 1 to enter one's name in a list, as of voters 2 to enroll in a school 3 to make an impression —*reg'is-trant* (-trənt) *n.*

**registered nurse** a trained nurse who has passed a state examination

**reg-is-trar** (rej'i strär') *n.* one who keeps records; as in a college

**reg-is-tra-tion** (rej'i strā'shən) *n.* 1 a registering or being registered 2 an entry in a register 3 the number of persons registered

**reg'is-try** (-is trē) *n.*, *pl.* -tries 1 a registering 2 an office where registers are kept 3 an official record or list

**reg-nant** (reg'nənt) *adj.* 1 ruling 2 predominant 3 prevalent

**re-gress** (rē'gres; *for v.* ri gres') *n.* [*< L re-, back + gradi, go*] backward movement —*vi.* to go back —*re-gres'sion n.* —*re-gres'sive adj.*

**re-gret** (ri gret') *vt.* -gret'ted, -gret'ting [*< OFr regreter, mourn*] to feel sorry about (an event, one's acts, etc.) —*n.* remorse, esp. over one's acts or omissions —(one's) *regrets* a polite declining of an invitation —*re-gret'ful adj.* —*re-gret'ta-ble adj.*

**re-group'** *vt.*, *vi.* 1 to reassemble or reorganize 2 to collect oneself, as after a setback

**reg-u-lar** (reg'yə lər) *adj.* [*< L regula, a rule*] 1 conforming to a rule, type, etc.; orderly; symmetrical 2 conforming to a fixed principle or procedure 3 customary or established 4 consistent [*a regular customer*] 5 functioning in a normal way [*a regular pulse*] 6 properly qualified [*a regular doctor*] 7 designating or of the standing army of a country 8 [*Inf.*] *aa regular nuisance*] *b*) pleasant, friendly, etc. —*n.* 1 a regular soldier or a player who is not a substitute 2 [*Inf.*] one who is regular in attendance 3 *Politics* a loyal party member —*reg'u-lar'i-ty* (-lar'ə tē), *pl.* -ties, *n.* —*reg'u-lar-ize', -ized', -iz'ing, vt.* —*reg'u-lar-ly adv.*

**reg-u-late** (reg'yə lāt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [*< L regula, a rule*] 1 to control or direct according to a rule, principle, etc. 2 to adjust to a standard, rate, etc. 3 to adjust for accurate operation —*reg'u-la'tor n.* —*reg'u-la-to'ry* (-lə tōr'ē) *adj.*

**reg'u-la'tion n.** 1 a regulating or being regulated 2 a rule or law regulating conduct —*adj.* usual; regular

**re-gur-gi-tate** (ri gur'jə tāt') *vi.*, *vt.* -tat'ed, -tat'ing [*< ML re-, back + LL gurgitare, to flood*] to bring (partly digested food) back up to the mouth —*re-gur'gi-ta'tion n.*

**re-hab** (rē'hab') *n.* short for REHABILITATION —*vt.* -habbed', -hab'bing short for REHABILITATE

**re-ha-bil-i-tate** (rē'hə bil'ə tāt') *vt.*

-tat'ed, -tat'ing [*< L re-, back + habere, have*] 1 to restore to rank, reputation, etc. which one has lost 2 to put back in good condition 3 to bring or restore to a state of health, constructive activity, etc. —*re'ha-bil'i-ta'tion n.* —*re'ha-bil'i-ta'tive adj.*

**re-hash** (rē'hash'; *for v.*, also rē hash') *vt.* [*RE- + HASH*] to work up again or go over again —*n.* a rehashing

**re-hearse** (ri hars') *vt.*, *vi.* -hearsed', -hears'ing [*< OFr re-, again + hercer, to harrow*] to practice (a play, etc.) for public performance —*re-hears'al n.*

**reign** (rān) *n.* [*< L regere, to rule*] 1 royal power 2 dominance or sway 3 the period of rule, dominance, etc. —*vi.* 1 to rule as a sovereign 2 to prevail [*peace reigns*]

**re-im-burse** (rē'im burs') *vt.* -bursed', -burs'ing [*RE- + archaic imburse, to pay*] to pay back —*re'im-burse'ment n.*

**rein** (rān) *n.* [*see RETAIN*] 1 a narrow strap of leather attached in pairs to a horse's bit and manipulated to control the animal: *usually used in pl.* 2 [*pl.*] a means of controlling, etc. —*give (free) rein* to to allow to act without restraint

**re-in-car-na-tion** (rē'in kār nā'shən) *n.* [*see RE- & INCARNATE*] rebirth of the soul in another body —*re'in-car'nate', -nat'ed, -nat'ing, vt.*



REINDEER

**rein-deer** (rān'dir') *n.*, *pl.* -deer' [*< ON hreinn, reindeer + dýr, animal*] a large deer found in northern regions and domesticated there as a beast of burden

**re-in-force** (rē'in fôrs') *vt.* -forced', -forc'ing [*RE- + var. of ENFORCE*] 1 to strengthen (a military force) with more troops, ships, etc. 2 to strengthen, as by patching, propping, or adding new material —*re'in-force'ment n.*

**re-in-state** (rē'in stāt') *vt.* -stat'ed, -stat'ing to restore to a former state, position, etc. —*re'in-state'ment n.*

**re-it-er-ate** (rē it'ə rāt') *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*< L re-, back + iterare, repeat*] to say or do again or repeatedly —*re-it'er-a'tion n.* —*re-it'er-a'tive* (-ə rāt'iv, -ər ə tiv) *adj.*

**re-ject** (ri jekt'; *for n.* rē'jekt) *vt.* [*< L re-, back + jacere, to throw*] 1 to refuse to take, agree to, use, believe, etc. 2 to discard —*n.* a rejected thing or person —*re-jec'tion n.*

**re-jig-ger** (rē jig'ər) *vt.* to adjust or alter the structure, terms, etc. of

**re-joice** (ri jois') *vi.*, *vt.* -joiced', -joic'ing



[[< OFr *re-*, again + *joir*, be glad]] to be glad or happy

**re-join** (rē join') *vt., vi.* 1 to join again; reunite 2 to answer

**re-join-der** (ri join'dər) *n.* [[see RE- & JOIN]] an answer, esp. to a reply

**re-ju-ve-nate** (ri jōō'və nāt') *vt.* -nat'ed, -nat'ing [[< RE- + L *juvenis*, young]] to make feel or seem young again —**re-ju-ve-na'tion** *n.*

**rel** *abbrev.* 1 relative(ly) 2 religion

**re-lapse** (ri laps'; *for n., usually* rē'laps) *vi.* -lapsed', -laps'ing [[see RE- & LAPSE]] to slip back into a former state, esp. into illness after apparent recovery —*n.* a relapsing

**re-late** (ri lāt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [[< L *relatus*, brought back]] 1 to tell the story of; narrate 2 to connect, as in thought or meaning —*vi.* to have some connection or relation (*to*)

**re-lat'ed** *adj.* connected by kinship, origin, marriage, etc.

**re-la'tion** *n.* 1 a narrating 2 a narrative; account 3 connection, as in thought or meaning 4 connection by blood or marriage 5 a relative 6 [*pl.*] the connections between or among persons, nations, etc. —*in* (or *with*) **re-la'tion** to concerning; regarding —**re-la'tion-ship** *n.*

**rel-a-tive** (rel'ə tiv) *adj.* 1 related each to the other 2 pertinent; relevant 3 comparative [*living in relative comfort*] 4 meaningful only in relationship [*"cold" is a relative term*] 5 *Gram.* that refers to an antecedent [*a relative pronoun*] —*n.* one related by blood or marriage —**rel'a-tive-ly** *adv.*

**relative humidity** the ratio of the amount of moisture in the air to the maximum amount possible at the given temperature

**rel-a-tiv-i-ty** (rel'ə tiv'ə tē) *n.* 1 a being relative 2 *Physics* the theory of the relative, rather than absolute, character of motion, velocity, mass, etc., and the interdependence of matter, time, and space

**re-lax** (ri laks') *vt., vi.* [[< L *re-*, back + *laxare*, loosen]] 1 to make or become less firm, tense, severe, etc. 2 to rest, as from work —**re-lax'er** *n.*

**re-lax'ant** *adj.* causing relaxation, esp. of muscles —*n.* a relaxant drug

**re-lax-a-tion** (rē'lak sā'shən) *n.* 1 a relaxing or being relaxed 2 *a)* rest from work or effort *b)* recreation

**re-lay** (rē'lā'; *for v., also* ri lā') *n.* [[< Fr *re-*, back + *laier*, to leave]] 1 a fresh supply of horses, etc., as for a stage of a journey 2 a relief crew of workers 3 a race (in full **relay race**) between teams, each member of which goes a part of the distance —*vt.* -layed', -lay'ing to get and pass on

**re-lease** (ri lēs') *vt.* -leased', -leas'ing [[see RELAX]] 1 to set free from confinement, work, pain, etc. 2 to let go [*to release an arrow*] 3 to permit to be issued, published, etc. —*n.* 1 a releasing, as from prison 2 a film, news story, etc. released to the public 3 a

written surrender of a claim, etc.

**rel-e-gate** (rel'ə gāt') *vt.* -gat'ed, -gating [[< L *re-*, away + *legare*, send]] 1 to exile or banish (*to*) 2 to consign or assign, esp. to an inferior position 3 to refer or hand over for decision —**rel'e-ga'tion** *n.*

**re-lent** (ri lent') *vi.* [[< L *re-*, again + *lentus*, pliant]] to become less severe, stern, or stubborn; soften

**re-lent'less** *adj.* 1 harsh; pitiless 2 not letting up; persistent —**re-lent'less-ly** *adv.* —**re-lent'less-ness** *n.*

**rel-e-vant** (rel'ə vānt) *adj.* [[see RELIEVE]] relating to the matter under consideration; pertinent —**rel'e-vance** or **rel'e-van-ty** *n.*

**re-li-a-ble** (ri li'ə bəl) *adj.* that can be relied on; dependable —**re-li'a-bil'i-ty** *n.* —**re-li'a-bly** *adv.*

**re-li'ance** (-əns) *n.* 1 a relying 2 trust, dependence, or confidence 3 a thing relied on —**re-li'ant** *adj.*

**rel-ic** (rel'ik) *n.* [[see RELINQUISH]] 1 an object, custom, etc. surviving from the past 2 a souvenir 3 [*pl.*] ruins 4 the venerated remains, etc. of a saint

**re-lief** (ri lēf') *n.* 1 a relieving of pain, anxiety, a burden, etc. 2 anything that lessens tension, or offers a pleasing change 3 aid, esp. by a public agency to the needy 4 release from work or duty, or those bringing it 5 the projection of sculptured forms from a flat surface 6 the differences in height, collectively, of land forms shown as by lines on a map (**relief map**) —*adj.* *Baseball* designating a pitcher who replaces another during a game —*in relief* carved so as to project from a surface

**re-lieve** (ri lēv') *vt.* -lieved', -liev'ing [[< L *re-*, again + *levare*, to raise]] 1 to ease (pain, anxiety, etc.) 2 to free from pain, anxiety, a burden, etc. 3 to give or bring aid to 4 to set free from duty or work by replacing 5 to make less tedious, etc. by providing a pleasing change —**relieve oneself** to urinate or defecate

**re-li-gion** (ri lij'an) *n.* [[< L *religio*, holiness]] 1 belief in and worship of God or gods 2 a specific system of belief, worship, etc., often involving a code of ethics

**re-li'gi-os'i-ty** (-ē əs'ə tē) *n.* a being religious, esp. excessively or sentimentally religious

**re-li'gious** (-əs) *adj.* 1 devout; pious 2 of or concerned with religion 3 conscientiously exact; scrupulous —*n., pl.* -gious a monk or nun —**re-li'gious-ly** *adv.*

**re-lin-quish** (ri lin'kwish) *vt.* [[< L *re-*, from + *linquere*, to leave]] 1 to give up (a plan, etc.) or let go (one's grasp, etc.) 2 to renounce or surrender (property, a right, etc.) —**re-lin'quish-ment** *n.*

**rel-ish** (rel'ish) *n.* [[< OFr *relais*, something remaining]] 1 an appetizing flavor 2 enjoyment; zest [*to listen with relish*] 3 a food, as pickles or raw vegetables, served with a meal to add flavor 4 a condiment of chopped pickles, spices, etc. for use as on hot dogs —*vt.* to enjoy; like

**re-live** (rē liv') *vt.* -lived', -liv'ing to



experience again (a past event) as in the imagination

**re·lo·cate** (rē lō'kāt') *vt., vi.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing to move to a new location — **re'lo·ca'tion** *n.*

**re·luc·tant** (ri luk'tant) *adj.* [*< L re-, against + luctari, to struggle*] 1 unwilling; disinclined 2 marked by unwillingness [*a reluctant answer*] — **re·luc'tance** *n.* — **re·luc'tant·ly** *adv.*

**re·ly** (ri lī') *vi.* -lied', -ly'ing [*< L re-, back + ligare, bind*] to trust or depend: used with *on* or *upon*

**rem** (rem) *n., pl. rem* [*r(oentgen) e(quiv·alent), m(an)*] a dose of ionizing radiation with a biological effect equal to one roentgen of X-ray

**REM** (rem) *n., pl. REMs* [*r(apid) e(ye) m(ovement)*] the rapid, jerky movement of the eyeballs during stages of sleep associated with dreaming

**re·main** (ri măn') *vi.* [*< L re-, back + manere, to stay*] 1 to be left over when the rest has been taken away, etc. 2 to stay 3 to continue [*to remain a cynic*] 4 to be left to be done, said, etc.

**re·main'·der** *n.* 1 those remaining 2 what is left when a part is taken away 3 what is left when a smaller number is subtracted from a larger 4 what is left undivided when a number is divided by another that is not one of its factors

**re·mains'** *pl.n.* 1 what is left after use, destruction, etc. 2 a dead body

**re·mand** (ri mand') *vt.* [*< L re-, back + mandare, to order*] to send back (a prisoner, etc.) into custody

**re·mark** (ri märk') *vt.* [*< Fr re-, again + marquer, to mark*] 1 to notice or observe 2 to say or write as a comment — *vi.* to make a comment: with *on* or *upon* — *n.* a brief comment

**re·mark'a·ble** *adj.* worthy of notice; extraordinary — **re·mark'a·bly** *adv.*

**Rem·brandt** (rem'brant') 1606-69; Du. painter & etcher

**re·me·di·al** (ri mē'dē əl) *adj.* 1 providing a remedy 2 for correcting deficiencies: said as of some courses of study

**re·me'di·ate'** (-āt') *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing to provide a remedy for

**rem·e·dy** (rem'ə dē) *n., pl. -dies* [*< L re-, again + mederi, heal*] 1 any medicine or treatment for a disease 2 something to correct a wrong — *vt.* -died, -dy·ing to cure, correct, etc.

**re·mem·ber** (ri mem'bər) *vt.* [*< L re-, again + memorare, bring to mind*] 1 to think of again 2 to bring back to mind by an effort; recall 3 to be careful not to forget 4 to mention (a person) to another as sending greetings — *vi.* to bear something in mind or call something back to mind

**re·mem'brance** (-brəns) *n.* 1 a remembering or being remembered 2 the power to remember 3 a souvenir

**re·mind** (ri mīnd') *vt., vi.* to put (a person) in mind (of something); make remember — **re·mind'er** *n.*

**rem·i·nisce** (rem'ə nis') *vi.* -nisc'ed', -nisc'ing [*< fol.*] to think, talk, or write about remembered events

**rem'i·nis'cence** (-əns) *n.* [*Fr < L re-,*

again + *memini, remember*] 1 a remembering 2 a memory 3 [*pl.*] an account of remembered experiences — **rem'i·nis'cent** *adj.*

**re·miss** (ri mis') *adj.* [*see REMIT*] careless; negligent — **re·miss'ness** *n.*

**re·mis·sion** (ri mish'ən) *n.* [*see fol.*] 1 forgiveness; pardon 2 release from a debt, tax, etc. 3 an abating of pain, a disease, etc.

**re·mit** (ri mit') *vt.* -mit'ted, -mit'ting [*< L re-, back + mittere, send*] 1 to forgive or pardon 2 to refrain from exacting (a payment), inflicting (punishment), etc. 3 to slacken; decrease 4 to send (money) in payment — **re·mit'tance** *n.*

**rem·nant** (rem'nənt) *n.* [*see REMAIN*] what is left over, as a piece of cloth at the end of a bolt

**re·mod·el** (rē mäd'l) *vt.* -eled or -elled, -el·ing or -el·ing to make over; rebuild

**re·mon·strate** (ri măn'strāt') *vt.* -strat'ed, -strat'ing [*< L re-, again + monstrare, to show*] to say in protest, objection, etc. — *vi.* to protest; object — **re·mon'strance** (-strəns) *n.*

**re·morse** (ri mōrs') *n.* [*< L re-, again + mōrdere, to bite*] a torturing sense of guilt for one's actions — **re·morse'ful** *adj.* — **re·morse'less** *adj.*

**re·mote** (ri mōt') *adj.* -mot'er, -mot'est [*< L remotus, removed*] 1 distant in space or time 2 distant in connection, relation, etc. 3 distantly related 4 aloof 5 slight [*a remote chance*] — **re·mote'ly** *adv.*

**remote control** 1 control of aircraft, etc. from a distance, as by radio waves 2 a device to control a TV set, recorder, etc. from a distance

**re·move** (ri mōv') *vt.* -moved', -mov'ing [*see RE- & MOVE*] 1 to move (something) from where it is; take away or off 2 to dismiss, as from office 3 to get rid of — *vi.* to move away, as to another residence — *n.* a step or degree away — **re·mov'a·ble** *adj.* — **re·mov'al** *n.* — **re·mov'er** *n.*

**re·mu·ner·ate** (ri myōō'nə rāt') *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*< L re-, again + munus, gift*] to pay (a person) for (work, a loss, etc.) — **re·mu'ner·a'tion** *n.* — **re·mu'ner·a'tive** *adj.*

**ren·ais·sance** (ren'ə sāns') *n.* [*Fr*] a rebirth; renascence — the Renaissance the great revival of art and learning in Europe in the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries

**Renaissance man** (or woman) one skilled and knowledgeable in many fields

**re·nal** (rē'nəl) *adj.* [*< L renes, kidneys*] of or near the kidneys

**re·nas·cence** (ri nas'əns, -nās'-) *n.* [*< L renasci, be born again*] [*also R-*] RENAISSANCE

**rend** (rend) *vt.* rent, rend'ing [*OE rendan*] to tear or split with violence — *vi.* to tear; split apart

**ren·der** (ren'dər) *vt.* [*ult. < L re(d)-, back + dare, give*] 1 to submit, as for approval or payment 2 to give in return or pay as due [*render thanks*] 3



to cause to be 4 to give (aid) or do (a service) 5 to depict, as by drawing 6 to play (music), act (a role), etc. 7 to translate 8 to melt down (fat) 9 to pronounce (a verdict)

**ren-dez-vous** (răn'dă voo') *n.*, *pl.* *-vous* (-vooz') [*< Fr rendez-vous*, present yourself] 1 a meeting place 2 an agreement to meet 3 the meeting itself —*vi.*, *vt.* *-voused'* (-vood'), *-vous'ing* (-voo'in) to meet or assemble at a certain time or place

**ren-di-tion** (ren dish'an) *n.* a rendering; performance, translation, etc.

**ren-e-gade** (ren'ə gād') *n.* [*< L re-*, again + *negare*, deny] one who abandons a party, movement, etc. to join the opposition; turncoat

**re-nege** (ri nig') *vi.* *-neged'*, *-neg'ing* [*see prec.*] to go back on a promise

**re-new** (ri nōo') *vt.* 1 to make new or fresh again 2 to reestablish; revive 3 to resume 4 to put in a fresh supply of 5 to give or get an extension of [*renew a lease*] —*re-new'a-ble adj.* —*re-new'al n.*

**ren-net** (ren'it) *n.* [*< ME rennen*, coagulate] an extract from the stomach of calves, etc. used to curdle milk

**Re-no** (rē'nō) city in W Nevada: pop. 134,000

**Re-noir** (rən wär', ren'wär'), Pierre Auguste (pyer ô güst') 1841-1919; Fr. painter

**re-nounce** (ri nouns') *vt.* *-nounced'*, *-nounc'ing* [*< L re-*, back + *nuntiare*, tell] 1 to give up formally (a claim, etc.) 2 to give up (a habit, etc.) 3 to disown —*re-nounce'ment n.*

**ren-o-vate** (ren'ə vāt') *vt.* *-vat'ed*, *-vat'ing* [*< L re-*, again + *novus*, new] to make as good as new; restore —*ren'o-va'tion n.* —*ren'o-va'tor n.*

**re-nown** (ri noun') *n.* [*< OFr re-*, again + *nom(m)er*, to name *< L nominare*] great fame or reputation —*re-nowned' adj.*

**rent**<sup>1</sup> (rent) *n.* [*< L reddita*, paid] a stated payment at fixed intervals for the use of a house, land, etc. —*vt.* to get or give use of in return for rent —*vi.* to be let for rent —*for rent* available to be rented —*rent'er n.*

**rent**<sup>2</sup> (rent) *vt.*, *vi.* *pt.* & *pp.* of *REND* —*n.* a hole or gap made by tearing

**rent-al** (rent'l) *n.* 1 an amount paid or received as rent 2 a house, car, etc. offered for rent 3 a renting —*adj.* of or for rent

**re-nun-ci-a-tion** (ri nūn'sē ā'shən) *n.* a renouncing, as of a right

**re-or-gan-ize** (rē ôr'gə nīz') *vt.*, *vi.* *-ized'*, *-iz'ing* to organize (a business, etc.) anew —*re-or-gan-i-za'tion n.*

**rep**<sup>1</sup> (rep) *n.* [*Fr reps < Eng ribs*] a ribbed fabric

**rep**<sup>2</sup> (rep) *n.* a representative

**rep**<sup>3</sup> *abbrev.* 1 repeat 2 report(ed) 3 reporter

**Rep** *abbrev.* 1 Representative 2 Republican

**re-paid** (ri pād') *vt.*, *vi.* *pt.* & *pp.* of

## REPAY

**re-pair**<sup>1</sup> (ri per') *vt.* [*< L re-*, again + *parare*, prepare] 1 to put back in good condition; fix; renew 2 to make amends for —*n.* 1 a repairing 2 [*usually pl.*] work done in repairing 3 the state of being repaired [*kept in repair*] —*re-pair'a-ble adj.*

**re-pair**<sup>2</sup> (ri per') *vi.* [*< L re-*, back + *patria*, native land] to go (to a place)

**re-pair'man** (-mən, -man') *n.*, *pl.* *-men* (-mən, -men') one whose work is repairing things

**rep-a-ra-tion** (rep'ə rā'shən) *n.* [*see REPAIR*<sup>1</sup>] 1 a making of amends 2 [*usually pl.*] compensation, as for war damage

**rep-ar-tee** (rep'är tē', -tā') *n.* [*< Fr rep-artir*, to return a blow quickly] a series of quick, witty retorts; banter

**re-past** (ri past') *n.* [*< OFr re-*, RE- + *past*, food] food and drink; a meal

**re-pa-tri-ate** (rē pā'trē āt') *vt.*, *vi.* *-at'ed*, *-at'ing* [*see REPAIR*<sup>2</sup>] to return to the country of birth, citizenship, etc. —*re-pa'tri-a'tion n.*

**re-pay** (ri pā') *vt.* *-paid'*, *-pay'ing* 1 to pay back 2 to make return to for (a favor, etc.) —*re-pay'ment n.*

**re-peal** (ri pēl') *vt.* [*see RE- & APPEAL*] to revoke; cancel; annul —*n.* revocation; abrogation

**re-peat** (ri pēt') *vt.* [*< L re-*, again + *petere*, to demand] 1 to say again 2 to recite (a poem, etc.) 3 to say (something) as said by someone else 4 to tell to someone else [*to repeat a secret*] 5 to do or make again —*vi.* to say or do again —*n.* 1 a repeating 2 anything said or done again, as a rebroadcast of a television program 3 *Music a)* a passage to be repeated *b)* a symbol for this —*re-peat'er n.*

**re-peat'ed** *adj.* said, made, or done again, or often —*re-peat'ed-ly adv.*

**re-pel** (ri pel') *vt.* *-pelled'*, *-pel'ling* [*< L re-*, back + *pellere*, to drive] 1 to drive or force back 2 to reject 3 to cause dislike in; disgust 4 to be resistant to (water, dirt, etc.) —*re-pel'lent adj.*, *n.*

**re-pent** (ri pent') *vi.*, *vt.* [*< L re-*, again + *poenitere*, repent] 1 to feel sorry for (an error, sin, etc.) 2 to feel such regret over (an action, intention, etc.) as to change one's mind (about) —*re-pent'ance n.* —*re-pent'ant adj.*

**re-per-cus-sion** (rē'pər kush'an) *n.* [*see RE- & PERCUSSION*] 1 reverberation 2 a far-reaching, often indirect reaction to some event

**rep-er-toire** (rep'ər twär') *n.* [*< Fr < L reperire*, discover] the stock of plays, songs, etc. that a company, singer, etc. is prepared to perform

**rep'er-to'ry** (-tôr'ē) *n.*, *pl.* *-ries* 1 REPERTOIRE 2 the system of alternating several plays throughout a season with a permanent group of actors

**rep-e-ti-tion** (rep'ə tish'an) *n.* [*< L repetitio*] 1 a repeating 2 something repeated —*rep'e-ti'tious adj.* —*re-pet-i-tive* (ri pet'ə tiv) *adj.*

**re-pine** (ri pīn') *vi.* *-pined'*, *-pin'ing* [*RE- + PINE*<sup>2</sup>] to feel or express unhappiness or discontent



**re·place** (ri plās') *vt.* -placed', -plac'ing  
1 to put back in a former or the proper place 2 to take the place of 3 to provide an equivalent for —**re·place'a·ble** *adj.* —**re·place'ment** *n.*

**re·plen·ish** (ri plen'ish) *vt.* [*< L re-, again + plenus, full*] 1 to make full or complete again 2 to supply again —**re·plen'ish·ment** *n.*

**re·plete** (ri plēt') *adj.* [*< L re-, again + plere, to fill*] 1 plentifully supplied 2 stuffed; gorged —**re·ple'tion** *n.*

**rep·li·ca** (rep'li kə) *n.* [*see REPLY*] a reproduction or close copy, as of a work of art

**rep·li·cate** (rep'li kāt') *vt.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing [*see REPLY*] to repeat or duplicate

**rep'li·ca'tion** *n.* 1 a replicating 2 a reply; answer 3 a copy; reproduction

**re·ply** (ri pli') *vi.* -plied', -ply'ing [*< L re-, back + plicare, to fold*] to answer or respond —*n., pl.* -plies' an answer or response

**re·port** (ri pôrt') *vt.* [*< L re-, back + portare, carry*] 1 to give an account of, as for publication 2 to carry and repeat (a message, etc.) 3 to announce formally 4 to make a charge about (something) or against (someone) to one in authority —*vi.* 1 to make a report 2 to present oneself, as for work —*n.* 1 rumor 2 a statement or account 3 a formal presentation of facts 4 the noise of an explosion —**re·port'ed·ly** *adv.*

**re·port·age** (ri pôrt'ij, rep'ər tāzh') *n.* 1 the reporting of the news 2 journalistic writings

**report card** a periodic written report on a student's progress: often used figuratively

**re·port'er** *n.* one who reports; specif., one who gathers and reports news for a newspaper, etc. —**rep·or·to·ri·al** (rep'ər tōr'ē əl) *adj.*

**re·pose**<sup>1</sup> (ri pōz') *vt.* -posed', -pos'ing [*< L re-, again + pausare, to rest*] to lay or place for rest —*vi.* 1 to lie at rest 2 to rest from work, etc. 3 to lie dead —*n.* 1 a) rest b) sleep 2 composure 3 calm; peace —**re·pose'ful** *adj.*

**re·pose**<sup>2</sup> (ri pōz') *vt.* -posed', -pos'ing [*see fol.*] 1 to place (trust, etc.) in someone 2 to place (power, etc.) in the control of some person or group

**re·pos·i·to·ry** (ri pāz'ə tōr'ē) *n., pl.* -ries [*< L re-, back + ponere, to place*] a box, room, etc. in which things may be placed for safekeeping

**re·pos·sess** (rē'pə zes') *vt.* to take back, as from a buyer who missed payments —**re'pos·ses'sion** *n.*

**rep·re·hend** (rep'ri hend') *vt.* [*< L re-, back + prehendere, take*] to rebuke, blame, or censure

**rep're·hen'si·ble** (-hen'sə bəl) *adj.* deserving to be reprehended —**rep're·hen'si·bly** *adv.*

**rep·re·sent** (rep'ri zent') *vt.* [*< L re-, again + praesentare, to present*] 1 to present to the mind 2 to present a likeness of 3 to describe 4 to stand for; symbolize 5 to be the equivalent of 6 to act (a role) 7 to act in place of, esp.

by conferred authority 8 to serve as an example of

**rep're·sen·ta'tion** *n.* 1 a representing or being represented, as in a legislative assembly 2 legislative representatives, collectively 3 a likeness, image, picture, etc. 4 [*often pl.*] a statement of facts, arguments, etc. meant to influence action, make protest, etc. —**rep're·sen·ta'tion·al** *adj.*

**rep're·sent'a·tive** *adj.* 1 representing 2 of or based on representation of the people by elected delegates 3 typical —*n.* 1 an example or type 2 one authorized to act for others; delegate, agent, salesman, etc. 3 [R-] a member of the lower house of Congress or of a state legislature

**re·press** (ri pres') *vt.* [*see RE- & PRESS*<sup>1</sup>] 1 to hold back; restrain 2 to put down; subdue 3 *Psychiatry* to force (painful ideas, etc.) into the unconscious —**re·pres'sion** *n.* —**re·pres'sive** *adj.*

**re·prieve** (ri prēv') *vt.* -prieved', -prieving [*< Fr reprendre, take back*] 1 to postpone the punishment of, esp. the execution of 2 to give temporary relief to —*n.* a reprieving or being reprieved

**rep·ri·mand** (rep'rə mand') *n.* [*< L reprimere, repress*] a severe or formal rebuke —*vt.* to rebuke severely or formally

**re·pris·al** (ri prī'zəl) *n.* [*see REPREHEND*] injury done in return for injury received

**re·proach** (ri prōch') *vt.* [*< L re-, back + prope, near*] to accuse of a fault; rebuke —*n.* 1 shame, disgrace, etc. or a cause of this 2 rebuke or censure —**re·proach'ful** *adj.*

**rep·ro·bate** (rep'rə bāt') *adj.* [*LL reprobare, reprove*] unprincipled or depraved —*n.* a reprobate person

**re·proc·ess** (rē prā'ses) *vt.* to process again so as to reuse; esp., to recover plutonium, etc. from

**re·pro·duce** (rē'prə dōs') *vt.* -duced', -duc'ing to produce again; specif., a) to produce by propagation b) to make a copy of —*vi.* to produce offspring —**re'pro·duc'i·ble** *adj.*

**re'pro·duc'tion** (-duk'shən) *n.* 1 a reproducing 2 a copy, imitation, etc. 3 the process by which animals and plants produce new individuals —**re'pro·duc'tive** *adj.*

**re·proof** (ri prōōf') *n.* a reproving; rebuke: also **re·prov'al** (-prōō'vəl)

**re·prove** (ri prōōv') *vt.* -proved', -prov'ing [*see RE- & PROVE*] 1 to rebuke 2 to express disapproval of (something done or said)

**rep·tile** (rep'til') *n.* [*< L repere, to creep*] a coldblooded vertebrate covered as with scales, as a snake, lizard, turtle, or dinosaur —**rep·til·i·an** (rep til'ē ən) *adj.*

**re·pub·lic** (ri pub'lik) *n.* [*< L res, thing + publica, public (adj.)*] a state or government, specif. one headed by a president, in which the power is exercised by officials elected by the voters

**re·pub'li·can** (-li kən) *adj.* 1 of or like a



republic 2 [R-] of or belonging to the Republican Party —*n.* 1 one who favors a republican form of government 2 [R-] a member of the Republican Party

**Republican Party** one of the two major political parties in the U.S.

**re·pu·di·ate** (ri pyōō'dē āt') *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*< L repudium, separation*] 1 to refuse to have anything to do with 2 to refuse to accept or support (a belief, treaty, etc.) —**re·pu·di·a'tion** *n.*

**re·pug·nant** (ri pug'nənt) *adj.* [*< L re-, back + pugnare, fight*] 1 contradictory 2 distasteful; offensive —**re·pug'nance** *n.*

**re·pulse** (ri puls') *vt.* -pulsed', -puls'ing [*see REPEL*] 1 to drive back (an attack, etc.) 2 to refuse or reject with discourtesy, etc.; rebuff —*n.* a repelling or being repelled

**re·pul·sion** (ri pul'shən) *n.* 1 a repelling or being repelled 2 strong dislike 3 *Physics* the mutual action by which bodies tend to repel each other

**re·pul'sive** (-siv) *adj.* causing strong dislike or aversion; disgusting —**re·pul'sive·ly** *adv.* —**re·pul'sive·ness** *n.*

**rep·u·ta·ble** (rep'yə tə bəl) *adj.* having a good reputation —**rep·u·ta·bil'i·ty** *n.* —**rep·u·ta·bly** *adv.*

**rep·u·ta·tion** (rep'yōō tā'shən) *n.* [*see fol.*] 1 estimation in which a person or thing is commonly held 2 favorable estimation 3 fame

**re·pute** (ri pyōōt') *vt.* -put'ed, -put'ing [*< L re-, again + putare, think*] to consider or regard [*reputed to be rich*] —*n.* REPUTATION (senses 1 & 3)

**re·put'ed** *adj.* generally supposed to be such [*the reputed owner*] —**re·put'ed·ly** *adv.*

**re·quest** (ri kwest') *n.* [*see REQUIRE*] 1 an asking for something 2 something asked for 3 the state of being asked for; demand —*vt.* 1 to ask for 2 to ask (a person) to do something

**Re·qui·em** (rek'wē əm, rā'kwē-) *n.* [*< L, rest*] [*also r-*] 1 *R.C.Ch.* a Mass for a dead person or persons 2 a musical setting for this

**re·quire** (ri kwīr') *vt.* -quired', -quir'ing [*< L re-, again + quaerere, ask*] 1 to insist upon; demand 2 to order 3 to need —**re·quire'ment** *n.*

**req·ui·site** (rek'wə zit) *adj.* [*see prec.*] required; necessary; indispensable —*n.* something requisite

**req·ui·si·tion** (rek'wə zish'ən) *n.* 1 a requiring; formal demand 2 a formal written order, as for equipment —*vt.* 1 to demand or take, as by authority 2 to submit a written request for

**re·quite** (ri kwīt') *vt.* -quit'ed, -quit'ing [*RE- + quite, obs. var. of QUIT*] to repay (someone) for (a benefit, service, etc. or an injury, wrong, etc.) —**re·quit'al** *n.*

**re·run** (rē'run') *n.* the showing of a film or TV program after the first run or showing

**re'sale'** *n.* a selling of something bought to a third party

**re·scind** (ri sind') *vt.* [*< L re-, back +*

*scindere, to cut*] to revoke or cancel (a law, etc.) —**re·scis'sion** (-sizh'ən) *n.*

**res·cue** (res'kyōō) *vt.* -cued, -cu'ing [*ult. < L re-, again + ex-, off + quatere, to shake*] to free or save from danger, imprisonment, evil, etc. —*n.* a rescuing; deliverance —**res'cu·er** *n.*

**re·search** (rē'surch', ri surch') *n.* [*see RE- & SEARCH*] careful, systematic study and investigation in some field of knowledge —*vi., vt.* to do research (on or in) —**re'search'er** *n.*

**re·sec·tion** (ri sek'shən) *n.* [*< L re-, back + secare, to cut*] *Surgery* the removal of part of an organ, bone, etc.

**re·sem·blance** (ri zem'bləns) *n.* a similarity of appearance; likeness

**re·sem'ble** (-bəl) *vt.* -bled, -bling [*ult. < L re-, again + simulare, feign*] to be like or similar to

**re·sent** (ri zent') *vt.* [*ult. < L re-, again + sentire, to feel*] to feel or show displeasure and hurt or indignation over or toward —**re·sent'ful** *adj.* —**re·sent'ful·ly** *adv.* —**re·sent'ment** *n.*

**re·ser·pine** (ri sar'pin, -pēn) *n.* [*Ger*] a crystalline alkaloid used in treating hypertension, mental illness, etc.

**res·er·va·tion** (rez'ər vā'shən) *n.* 1 a reserving or that which is reserved; specif., *a*) a withholding *b*) public land set aside for a special use, as for American Indians *c*) holding of a hotel room, etc. until called for 2 a limiting condition

**re·serve** (ri zurv') *vt.* -served', -serv'ing [*< L re-, back + servare, to keep*] 1 to keep back or set apart for later or special use 2 to keep back for oneself —*n.* 1 something kept back or stored up, as for later use 2 the keeping one's thoughts, feelings, etc. to oneself 3 reticence; silence 4 [*pl.*] troops, players, etc. kept out of action for use as replacements 5 land set apart for a special purpose 6 cash, etc. held back to meet future demands —**in reserve** reserved for later use —**without reserve** subject to no limitation

**re·served'** *adj.* 1 kept in reserve; set apart 2 self-restrained; reticent

**re·serv'ist** *n.* a member of a country's military reserves

**res·er·voir** (rez'ər vwär', -vwôr') *n.* [*< Fr: see RESERVE*] 1 a place where water is collected and stored for use 2 a receptacle for holding a fluid 3 a large supply

**re·side** (ri zīd') *vi.* -sid'ed, -sid'ing [*< L re-, back + sedere, sit*] 1 to dwell for a long time; live (*in* or *at*) 2 to be present or inherent (*in*): said of qualities, etc.

**res·i·dence** (rez'i dəns) *n.* 1 a residing 2 the place where one resides —**res'i·den'tial** (-den'shəl) *adj.*

**res'i·den·cy** (-dən sē) *n., pl. -cies* 1 RESIDENCE (sense 1) 2 a period of advanced, specialized medical or surgical training at a hospital

**res'i·dent** (-dənt) *adj.* residing; esp., living in a place while working, etc. —*n.* 1 one who lives in a place, not just a visitor 2 a doctor who is serving a residency

**re·sid·u·al** (ri zij'ōō əl) *adj.* of or being a



residue; remaining —*n.* 1 something remaining 2 [often *pl.*] the fee paid for reruns on television, etc.

**res-i-due** (rez'ə dōō') *n.* [*< L residuus, remaining*] that which is left after part is taken away; remainder

**re-sid-u-um** (ri zij'ōō əm) *n., pl. -u-a (-ə)*  
RESIDUE

**re-sign** (ri zīn') *vt., vi.* [*< L re-, back + signare, to sign*] to give up (a claim, position, etc.) —**resign oneself (to)** to become reconciled (to)

**res-ig-na-tion** (rez'ig nā'shən) *n.* 1 *a*) the act of resigning *b*) formal notice of this 2 patient submission

**re-signed** (ri zīnd') *adj.* feeling or showing resignation; submissive —**re-sign'ed-ly** (-zīn'id lē) *adv.*

**re-sil-ient** (ri zil'yənt) *adj.* [*< L re-, back + salire, to jump*] 1 springing back into shape, etc. 2 recovering strength, spirits, etc. quickly —**re-sil'ience** or **re-sil'ien-cy** *n.*

**res-in** (rez'an) *n.* [*< L resina*] 1 a substance exuded from various plants and trees and used in varnishes, plastics, etc. 2 ROSIN —**res'in-ous** *adj.*

**re-sist** (ri zist') *vt.* [*< L re-, back + sistere, to set*] 1 to withstand; fend off 2 to oppose actively; fight against —*vi.* to oppose or withstand something —**re-sist'er** *n.* —**re-sist'i-ble** *adj.*

**re-sist'ance** *n.* 1 a resisting 2 power to resist, as to ward off disease 3 opposition of some force, thing, etc. to another, as to the flow of an electric current —**re-sist'ant** *adj.*

**re-sist'less** *adj.* 1 irresistible 2 unable to resist

**re-sis'tor** *n.* a device used in an electrical circuit to provide resistance

**re-sole** (rē sōl') *vt.* -soled', -sol'ing to put a new sole on (a shoe, etc.)

**res-o-lute** (rez'ə lōōt') *adj.* [*see RE- & SOLVE*] fixed and firm in purpose; determined —**res'o-lute'ly** *adv.*

**res'o-lu'tion** *n.* 1 the act or result of resolving something 2 a thing determined upon; decision as to future action 3 a resolute quality of mind 4 a formal statement of opinion or determination by an assembly, etc.

**re-solve** (ri zälv', -zōlv') *vt.* -solved', -solv'ing [*see RE- & SOLVE*] 1 to break up into separate parts 2 to change: used reflexively 3 to reach as a decision; determine [*to resolve to go*] 4 to solve (a problem) 5 to decide by vote —*n.* 1 firm determination 2 a formal resolution —**re-solv'a-ble** *adj.*

**re-solved'** *adj.* determined; resolute

**res-o-nant** (rez'ə nənt) *adj.* [*< L resonare, resound*] 1 resounding 2 intensifying sound [*resonant walls*] 3 sonorous; vibrant [*a resonant voice*] —**res'o-nance** *n.* —**res'o-nate'** (-nāt'), -nat'ed, -nating, *vi., vt.*

**res'o-na'tor** *n.* a device that produces, or increases sound by, resonance

**re-sort** (ri zōrt') *vi.* [*< OFr re-, again + sortir, go out*] to have recourse; turn (to) for help, etc. [*to resort to lies*] —*n.* 1 a place to which people go often or generally, as on vacation 2 a source of help, support, etc.; recourse —**as a last**

**resort** as the last available means

**re-sound** (ri zound') *vi.* [*< L resonare*] 1 to reverberate 2 to make a loud, echoing sound —**re-sound'ing** *adj.* —**re-sound'ing-ly** *adv.*

**re-source** (rē'sōrs', ri sōrs') *n.* [*< OFr re-, again + sourdre, spring up*] 1 something that lies ready for use or can be drawn upon for aid 2 [*pl.*] wealth; assets 3 resourcefulness

**re-source'ful** *adj.* able to deal effectively with problems, etc. —**re-source'ful-ness** *n.*

**re-spect** (ri spekt') *vt.* [*< L re-, back + specere, look at*] 1 to feel or show honor or esteem for 2 to show consideration for —*n.* 1 honor or esteem 2 consideration or regard 3 [*pl.*] expressions of regard 4 a particular detail 5 reference; relation [*with respect to the problem*] —**re-spect'ful** *adj.* —**re-spect'ful-ly** *adv.*

**re-spect'a-ble** *adj.* 1 worthy of respect or esteem 2 proper; correct 3 fairly good in quality or size 4 presentable —**re-spect'a-bil'i-ty** *n.*

**re-spect'ing** *prep.* concerning; about

**re-spec'tive** *adj.* as relates individually to each one

**re-spec'tive-ly** *adv.* in regard to each, in the order named

**res-pi-ra-tion** (res'pə rā'shən) *n.* [*< L re-, back + spirare, breathe*] act or process of breathing —**res-pi-ra-to-ry** (res'pər ə tōr'ē, ri spī'rə-) *adj.*

**res'pi-ra'tor** *n.* 1 a mask, as of gauze, to prevent the inhaling of harmful substances 2 an apparatus to maintain breathing by artificial means

**res-pite** (res'pit) *n.* [*see RESPECT*] 1 a delay or postponement 2 temporary relief, as from pain or work; lull

**re-splend-ent** (ri splen'dənt) *adj.* [*< L re-, again + splendere, to shine*] shining brightly; dazzling —**re-splend'ence** *n.* —**re-splend'ent-ly** *adv.*

**re-spond** (ri spänd') *vi.* [*< L re-, back + spondere, to pledge*] 1 to answer; reply 2 to react 3 to have a favorable reaction

**re-spond'ent** *adj.* responding —*n.* Law a defendant

**re-sponse** (ri späns') *n.* [*see RESPOND*] 1 something said or done in answer; reply 2 words sung or spoken by the congregation or choir replying to the clergyman 3 any reaction to a stimulus

**re-spon-si-bil-i-ty** (ri spän'sə bil'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 a being responsible; obligation 2 a thing or person that one is responsible for

**re-spon'si-ble** (-bəl) *adj.* 1 expected or obliged to account (for); answerable (to) 2 involving obligation or duties 3 that is the cause of something 4 able to distinguish between right and wrong 5 dependable; reliable —**re-spon'si-bly** *adv.*

**re-spon'sive** *adj.* reacting readily, as to suggestion or appeal —**re-spon'sive-ness** *n.*

**rest**<sup>1</sup> (rest) *n.* [*OE*] 1 sleep or repose 2 ease or inactivity after exertion 3 relief



from anything distressing, tiring, etc.  
**4** absence of motion **5** a resting place  
**6** a supporting device **7** *Music* a measured interval of silence between tones, or a symbol for this —*vi.* **1** to get ease and refreshment by sleeping or by ceasing from work **2** to be at ease **3** to be or become still **4** to lie, sit, or lean **5** to be placed or based (*in, on, etc.*) **6** to be found [the fault *rests* with him] **7** to rely; depend —*vt.* **1** to give rest to **2** to put for ease, support, etc. [*rest your head here*] **3** *Law* to stop introducing evidence in (a case) —*lay to rest* to bury  
**rest**<sup>2</sup> (*rest*) *n.* [*< L restare, remain*] **1** what is left **2** [*with pl. v.*] the others —*vi.* to go on being [*rest assured*]  
**res-tau-rant** (*res'tə rānt', res'trānt'*) *n.* [*Fr: see RESTORE*] a place where meals can be bought and eaten  
**res-tau-ra-teur** (*res'tə rə tar', -toor'*) *n.* [*Fr*] one who owns or operates a restaurant: also *res-tau-ran-teur* (*res'tə rān'tar', -toor'*)  
**rest-ful** (*rest'fəl*) *adj.* **1** full of or giving rest **2** quiet; peaceful  
**rest home** a residence that provides care for aged persons or convalescents  
**res-ti-tu-tion** (*res'tə tōō'shən*) *n.* [*< L re-, again + statuere, set up*] **1** a giving back of something that has been lost or taken away; restoration **2** reimbursement, as for loss  
**res-tive** (*res'tiv*) *adj.* [*< OFr rester, remain*] **1** unruly or balky **2** nervous under restraint; restless —*res'tive-ly* *adv.* —*res'tive-ness* *n.*  
**rest'less** *adj.* **1** unable to relax; uneasy **2** giving no rest; disturbed [*restless sleep*] **3** rarely quiet or still; active **4** discontented —*rest'less-ly* *adv.* —*rest'less-ness* *n.*  
**res-to-ra-tion** (*res'tə rā'shən*) *n.* **1** a restoring or being restored **2** something restored, as by rebuilding  
**re-stor-a-tive** (*ri stōr'ə tiv*) *adj.* able to restore health, consciousness, etc. —*n.* something that is restorative  
**re-store** (*ri stōr'*) *vt.* -stored', -stor'ing [*< L re-, again + -staurare, to erect*] **1** to give back (something taken, lost, etc.) **2** to return to a former or normal state, or to a position, rank, use, etc. **3** to bring back to health, strength, etc.  
**re-strain** (*ri strān'*) *vt.* [*< L re-, back + stringere, draw tight*] **1** to hold back from action; check; suppress **2** to limit; restrict  
**re-straint** (*ri strānt'*) *n.* **1** a restraining or being restrained **2** a means or instrument of restraining **3** confinement **4** control of emotions, impulses, etc.; reserve  
**re-strict** (*ri strikt'*) *vt.* [*see RESTRAIN*] to keep within limits; confine —*re-strict'ed* *adj.* —*re-stric'tion* *n.*  
**re-stric'tive** *adj.* **1** restricting **2** *Gram.* designating a modifier, as a subordinate clause or phrase, that limits the reference of the word it modifies and is not set off by punctuation  
**rest'room'** *n.* a room in a public building, equipped with toilets, washbowls,

etc.: also *rest room*

**re-struc-ture** (*rē-struk'chər*) *vt.* -tured, -tur-ing **1** to plan or provide a new structure or organization for **2** to change the terms of (a loan, etc.)  
**re-sult** (*ri zult'*) *vi.* [*< L resultare, to rebound*] **1** to happen as an effect **2** to end as a consequence (*in something*) —*n.* **1 a)** anything that comes about as an effect **b)** [*pl.*] the desired effect **2** the number, etc. obtained by mathematical calculation —*re-sult'ant* *adj.*, *n.*  
**re-sume** (*ri zōōm'*) *vt.* -sumed', -sum'ing [*< L re-, again + sumere, take*] **1** to take or occupy again **2** to continue after interruption —*vi.* to proceed after interruption —*re-sump'tion* (-zump'shən) *n.*  
**ré-su-mé** (*rez'ə mā'*) *n.* [*Fr: see prec.*] a summary, esp. of employment experience: also written *resume* or *resumé*  
**re-sur-face** (*rē-sur'fis*) *vt.* -faced, -fac-ing to put a new surface on —*vi.* to come to the surface again  
**re-sur-gent** (*ri sur'jənt*) *adj.* [*see fol.*] rising or tending to rise again —*re-sur'gence* *n.*  
**res-ur-rec-tion** (*rez'ə rek'shən*) *n.* [*< L resurgere, rise again*] **1** a rising from the dead **2** a coming back into notice, use, etc.; revival —*the Resurrection* *Theol.* the rising of Jesus from the dead —*res'ur-rect'* *vt.*  
**re-sus-ci-tate** (*ri sus'ə tāt'*) *vt.*, *vi.* -tat'ed, -tat'ing [*< L re-, again + suscitare, revive*] to revive when apparently dead or in a faint, etc. —*re-sus'ci-ta'tion* *n.* —*re-sus'ci-ta'tor* *n.*  
**ret** *abbrev.* **1** retired **2** return(ed)  
**re-tail** (*rē'tāl'*) *n.* [*< OFr re-, again + tail-ler, to cut*] the sale of goods in small quantities directly to the consumer —*adj.* of or engaged in such sale —*adv.* at a retail price —*vt.*, *vi.* to sell or be sold directly to the consumer —*re'tail'er* *n.*  
**re-tain** (*ri tāt'*) *vt.* [*< L re-, back + tenere, to hold*] **1** to keep in possession, use, etc. **2** to hold in **3** to keep in mind **4** to hire by paying a retainer  
**re-tain'er** *n.* **1** something that retains **2** a servant, attendant, etc. **3** a fee paid in advance to engage the services of a lawyer, etc.  
**retaining wall** a wall for keeping earth from sliding or water from flooding  
**re-take** (*rē tāk'*; *for n. rē'tāk'*) *vt.* -took', -tak'en, -tak'ing **1** to take again; recapture **2** to photograph again —*n.* a scene, etc. rephotographed  
**re-tal-i-ate** (*ri tal'ē āt'*) *vi.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*< L re-, back + talio, punishment in kind*] to return like for like, esp. injury for injury —*re-tal'i-a'tion* *n.* —*re-tal'i-a-to'ry* *adj.*  
**re-tard** (*ri tård'*) *vt.* [*< L re-, back + tardare, make slow*] to hinder, delay, or slow the progress of —*re-tar-da-tion* (*rē'tār dā'shən*) *n.*  
**re-tard'ant** *n.* something that retards; esp., a substance that delays a chemical reaction —*adj.* that retards  
**re-tard'ed** *adj.* slowed or delayed in development, esp. mentally  
**retch** (*rech*) *vi.* [*OE hræcan, clear the*



throat] to strain to vomit, esp. without bringing anything up

**re·ten·tion** (ri ten'shən) *n.* 1 a retaining or being retained 2 capacity for retaining 3 a remembering; memory — **re·ten'tive** *adj.*

**ret·i·cent** (ret'ə sənt) *adj.* [ < L *re-*, again + *tacere*, be silent] disinclined to speak; taciturn — **ret'i·cence** *n.*

**ret·i·na** (ret'n ə) *n., pl. -nas or -nae'* (-ē') [prob. < L *rete*, a net] the innermost coat lining the eyeball, containing light-sensitive cells that are directly connected to the brain

**ret·i·nue** (ret'n ōō') *n.* [ < OFr, ult. < L: see **RETAIN**] a group of persons attending a person of rank or importance

**re·tire** (ri tīr') *vi.* -tired', -tir'ing [ < Fr *re-*, back + *tirer*, draw] 1 to withdraw to a secluded place 2 to go to bed 3 to retreat, as in battle 4 to give up one's work, business, etc., esp. because of age — **vt.** 1 to pay off (bonds, etc.) 2 to cause to retire from a position, office, etc. 3 to withdraw from use 4 *Baseball* to put out (a batter, side, etc.) — **re·tiree'** *n.* — **re·tire'ment** *n.*

**re·tired'** *adj.* 1 secluded 2 *a*) no longer working, etc. as because of age *b*) of or for such retired persons

**re·tir'ing** *adj.* reserved; modest; shy

**re·tool** (rē tōōl') *vt., vi.* 1 to adapt (factory machinery) for a different product 2 to reorganize to meet new or different needs or conditions

**re·tort**<sup>1</sup> (ri tōrt') *vt.* [ < L *re-*, back + *torquere*, to twist] to say in reply — **vi.** to make a sharp, witty reply — **n.** a sharp, witty reply

**re·tort**<sup>2</sup> (ri tōrt') *n.* [ < ML *retorta*: see prec.] a glass container with a long tube, in which substances are distilled

**re·touch** (rē tuch') *vt.* to touch up details in (a painting, essay, etc.) so as to improve or change it

**re·trace** (rē trās') *vt.* -traced', -trac'ing [see **RE-** & **TRACE**<sup>1</sup>] to go back over again [to *retrace* one's steps]

**re·tract** (ri trakt') *vt., vi.* [ < L *re-*, back + *trahere*, draw] 1 to draw back or in 2 to withdraw (a statement, charge, etc.) — **re·tract'a·ble** or **re·trac'tile** (-trak'təl, -tīl') *adj.* — **re·trac'tion** *n.*

**re·tread** (rē tred'; *for n.* rē'tred') *vt., n.* **RECAP**<sup>1</sup>

**re·treat** (ri trēt') *n.* [ < L *retrahere*: see **RETRACT**] 1 a withdrawal, as from danger 2 a safe, quiet place 3 a period of seclusion, esp. for spiritual renewal 4 *a*) the forced withdrawal of troops under attack *b*) a signal for this *c*) a signal, as by bugle, or a ceremony at sunset for lowering the national flag — **vi.** to withdraw; go back

**re·trench** (rē trench') *vi.* [ < Fr: see **RE-** & **TRENCH**] to cut down expenses; economize — **re·trench'ment** *n.*

**ret·ri·bu·tion** (re'trə byōō'shən) *n.* [ < L *re-*, back + *tribuere*, to pay] punishment

for evil done — **re·trib·u·tive** (ri trib'yōō tiv) *adj.*

**re·trieve** (ri trēv') *vt.* -trieved', -triv'ing [ < OFr *re-*, again + *trouver*, find] 1 to get back; recover 2 to restore 3 to make good (a loss, error, etc.) 4 to access (data) stored in a computer 5 to find and bring back (killed or wounded game): said of dogs — **vi.** to retrieve game — **re·triev'al** *n.*

**re·triev'er** *n.* a dog trained to retrieve game

**retro-** [ < L] *combining form* backward, back, behind

**ret·ro·ac·tive** (re'trō ak'tiv) *adj.* having an effect on things that are already past — **ret'ro·ac'tive·ly** *adv.*

**ret·ro·fire** (re'trə fir') *vt.* -fired', -fir'ing to ignite (a retrorocket)

**ret'ro·fit'** (-fit') *n.* a change in design or equipment, as of an aircraft already in operation, so as to incorporate later improvements — **vt., vi.** -fitted', -fit'ting to modify with a retrofit

**ret'ro·grade'** (-grād') *adj.* [ < L: see **RETRO-** & **GRADE**] 1 moving backward 2 going back to a worse condition

**ret'ro·gress'** (-gres') *vi.* [ < L: see prec.] to move backward, esp. into a worse condition; degenerate — **ret'ro·gres'sion** *n.* — **ret'ro·gres'sive** *adj.*

**ret·ro·rock·et** or **ret·ro·rock·et** (re'trō rāk'it) *n.* a small rocket, as on a spacecraft, producing thrust opposite to the direction of flight to reduce speed, as for maneuvering

**ret·ro·spect** (re'trə spekt') *n.* [ < L *retro-*, back + *specere*, to look] contemplation of the past — **ret'ro·spec'tion** *n.*

**ret'ro·spec'tive** *adj.* looking back on the past — **n.** a representative show of an artist's lifetime work

**ret·si·na** (ret sē'nə) *n.* [ModGr, prob. < It *resina*, resin] a Greek wine flavored with pine resin

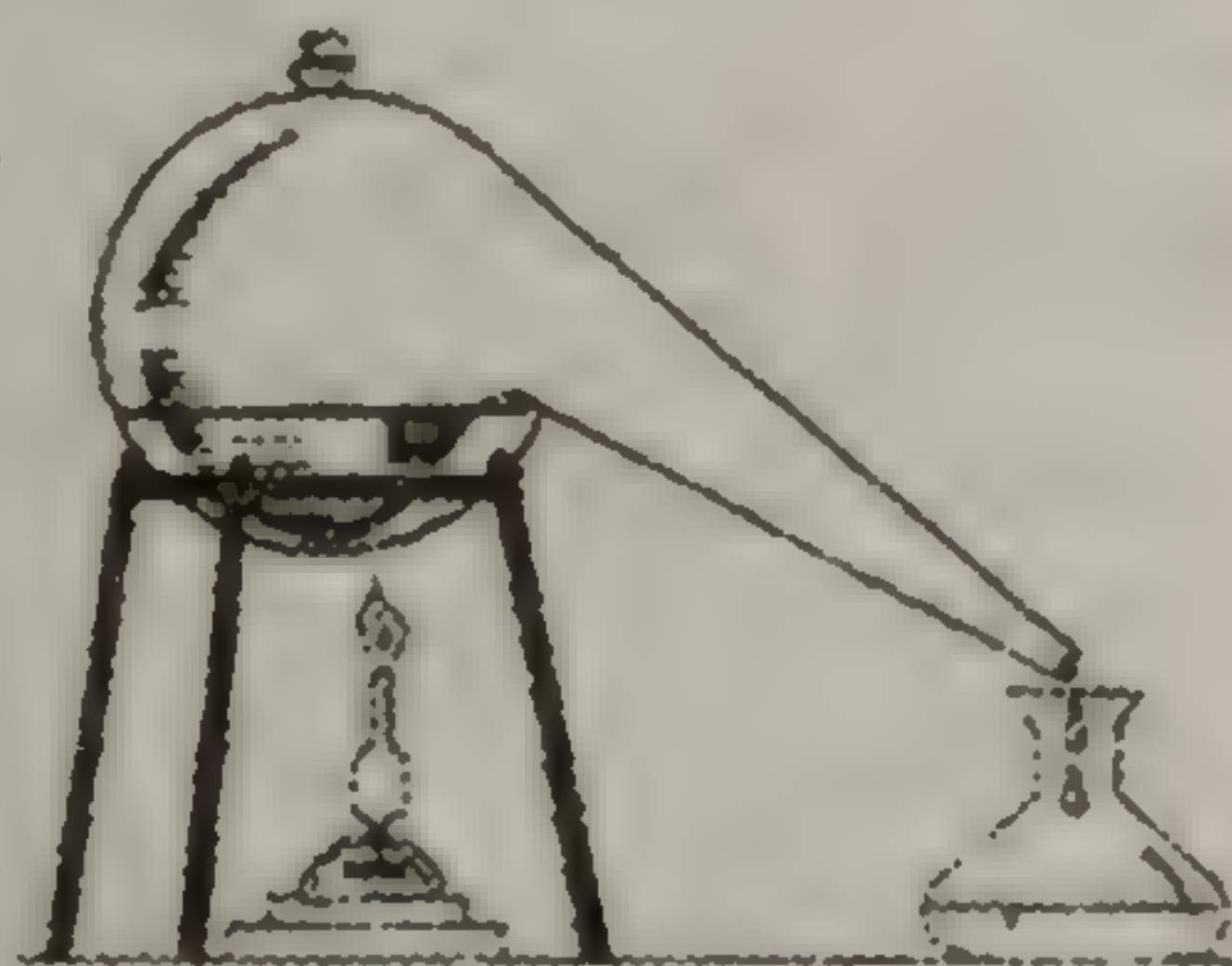
**re·turn** (ri tərn') *vi.* [ < OFr: see **RE-** & **TURN**] 1 to go or come back 2 to answer; reply — **vt.** 1 to bring, send, or put back 2 to do in reciprocation [to *return* a visit] 3 to yield (a profit, etc.) 4 to report officially 5 to elect or reelect — **n.** 1 a coming or going back 2 a bringing, sending, or putting back 3 something returned 4 a recurrence 5 repayment; requital 6 [often *pl.*] yield or profit, as from investments 7 an answer; reply 8 *a*) an official report [election *returns*] *b*) a form for computing income tax — **adj.** 1 of or for a return [*return* postage] 2 given, done, etc. in return — **in return** as a return; as an equivalent, response, etc. — **re·turn'a·ble** *adj.*

**re·turn'ee'** *n.* one who returns, as home from military service

**Reu·ben** (sandwich) (rōō'bən) a sandwich of rye bread, corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, etc. served hot

**re·u·ni·fy** (rē yōō'nə fi') *vt., vi.* -fied', -fy'ing to unify again after being divided — **re·u·ni·fi·ca'tion** *n.*

**re·un·ion** (rē yōōn'yən) *n.* a coming together again, as after separation



RETORT



**re-up** (rē up') *vi.* -upped', -up'ping [RE- + (sign) up] [Mil. Slang] to reenlist

**rev**<sup>1</sup> (rev) *vt.* revved, rev'ving [RE- + (sign) up] [Inf.] 1 to increase the speed of (an engine) 2 to accelerate, intensify, etc. Usually with *up*

**rev**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 revenue 2 revise(d) 3 revolution

**Rev** *abbrev.* 1 Bible Revelation 2 Reverend

**re-vamp** (rē vamp') *vt.* to renovate; redo

**re-veal** (ri vėl') *vt.* [L *re-*, back + *velum*, veil] 1 to make known (something hidden or secret) 2 to show; exhibit; display

**rev-eil-le** (rev'ə lē) *n.* [L *re-*, again + *vigilare*, to watch] a signal on a bugle, drum, etc. in the morning to waken soldiers, etc.

**rev-el** (rev'əl) *vi.* -eled or -elled, -el-ing or -el-ling [L *rebellare*, to rebel: see REBEL] 1 to be festive; make merry 2 to take much pleasure (*in*) —*n.* merrymaking —**rev'el-er** or **rev'el-ler** *n.* —**rev'el-ry**, *pl.* -ries, *n.*

**rev-e-la-tion** (rev'ə lā'shən) *n.* 1 a revealing 2 a striking disclosure 3 *Theol.* God's disclosure to humanity of divine truth, etc. —[R-] the last book of the New Testament

**re-venge** (ri venj') *vt.* -venged', -veng'ing [OFr: see RE- & VENGEANCE] to inflict harm in return for (an injury, etc.) —*n.* 1 the act or result of revenging 2 desire to take vengeance —**re-venge'ful** *adj.*

**rev-e-nue** (rev'ə nōō') *n.* [MFr, returned] 1 return, as from investment; income 2 the income from taxes, licenses, etc., as of a city or nation

**re-ver-ber-ate** (ri vər'bə rāt') *vi., vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [L *re-*, again + *verberare*, to beat] to reecho or cause to reecho —**re-ver-ber-a'tion** *n.*

**re-ver-e** (ri vir') *vt.* -vered', -ver'ing [L *re-*, again + *vereri*, to fear] to regard with deep respect, love, etc.

**Re-ver-e** (ri vir'), Paul 1735-1818; Am. silversmith & patriot

**rev-er-ence** (rev'ə rəns) *n.* a feeling of deep respect, love, and awe —*vt.* -enced, -enc-ing to treat or regard with reverence; venerate —**rev'er-ent** or **rev'er-en'tial** (-ə ren'shəl) *adj.* —**rev'er-ent-ly** *adv.*

**rev-er-end** (rev'ə rənd) *adj.* worthy of reverence: used with *the* as a title of respect for a member of the clergy [the Reverend A. B. Smith]

**rev-er-ie** (rev'ə rē) *n.* [Fr] daydreaming or a daydream

**re-vers** (ri vir', -ver') *n., pl.* -vers' (-virz', -verz') [Fr: see REVERT] a part (of a garment) turned back to show the reverse side, as a lapel: also **re-ver-e'** (-vir')

**re-verse** (ri vurs') *adj.* [see fol.] 1 turned backward; opposite or contrary 2 causing movement in the opposite direction —*n.* 1 the opposite or contrary 2 the back of a coin, medal, etc. 3 a change from good fortune to bad 4 a mechanism for reversing, as a gear on a machine —*vt.* -versed', -vers'ing 1 to

turn backward, in an opposite position or direction; upside down, or inside out 2 to change to the opposite 3 *Law* to revoke or annul (a decision, etc.) —*vi.* to go or turn in the opposite direction —**re-ver'sal** (-vər'səl) *n.* —**re-vers'i-ble** *adj.* —**re-vers'i-bly** *adv.*

**re-vert** (ri vart') *vi.* [L *re-*, back + *vertere*, to turn] 1 to go back, as to a former practice, state, subject, etc. 2 *Biol.* to return to a former or primitive type 3 *Law* to go back to a former owner or his or her heirs —**re-ver'sion** (-vər'zhən) *n.* —**re-vert'i-ble** *adj.*

**re-vet-ment** (ri vet'mənt) *n.* [Fr] 1 a facing of stone, cement, etc., as to protect an embankment 2 RETAINING WALL

**re-view** (ri vyōō') *n.* [L *re-*, again + *videre*, see] 1 a looking at or looking over again 2 a general survey or report 3 a looking back on (past events, etc.) 4 reexamination, as of the decision of a lower court 5 a critical evaluation of a book, play, etc. 6 a formal inspection, as of troops on parade —*vt.* 1 to look back on 2 to survey in thought, speech, etc. 3 to inspect (troops, etc.) formally 4 to give a critical evaluation of (a book, etc.) 5 to study again —**re-view'er** *n.*

**re-vile** (ri vil') *vt.* -viled', -vil'ing [OFr: see RE- & VILE] to use abusive language to or about —**re-vile'ment** *n.* —**re-vil'er** *n.*

**re-vise** (ri vīz') *vt.* -vised', -vis'ing [L *re-*, back + *visere*, to survey] 1 to read over carefully and correct, improve, or update 2 to change or amend —**re-vi'sion** (-vizh'ən) *n.*

**Revised Standard Version** a 20th-c. version of the Bible

**re-vi'sion-ist** *n.* a person who revises, or favors the revision of, some accepted theory, doctrine, etc. —*adj.* of revisionists or their policy or practice —**re-vi'sion-ism'** *n.*

**re-vis-it** (rē viz'it) *vt.* 1 to visit again 2 to reconsider or reevaluate

**re-viv-al** (ri vī'vəl) *n.* 1 a reviving or being revived 2 a bringing or coming back into use, being, etc. 3 a new presentation of an earlier play, etc. 4 restoration to vigor or activity 5 a meeting led by an evangelist to stir up religious feeling —**re-viv'al-ist** *n.*

**re-vive** (ri vīv') *vi., vt.* -vived', -viv'ing [L *re-*, again + *vivere*, to live] 1 to return to life or consciousness 2 to return to health or vigor 3 to come or bring back into use, attention, popularity, etc.

**re-viv-i-fy** (ri viv'ə fī') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing to put new life or vigor into —*vi.* to revive —**re-viv'i-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**re-voke** (ri vōk') *vt.* -voked', -vok'ing [L *re-*, back + *vocare*, to call] to withdraw, repeal, or cancel (a law, etc.) —**rev-o-ca-ble** (rev'ə kə bəl, ri vō'kə-) *adj.* —**rev-o-ca'tion** (-kā'shən) *n.*

**re-volt** (ri vōlt') *n.* [Fr: see REVOLVE] a rebelling against the government or any authority —*vi.* to rebel against authority —*vt.* to disgust —**re-volt'ing** *adj.* —**re-volt'ing-ly** *adv.*

**rev-o-lu-tion** (rev'ə lōō'shən) *n.* [see



**REVOLVE** 1 the movement of a body in an orbit 2 a turning around an axis; rotation 3 a complete cycle of events 4 a complete change 5 overthrow of a government, social system, etc. —**rev'o-lu'tion-ary**, *pl. -ies, n., adj.* —**rev'o-lu'tion-ist** *n.*

**Revolutionary War** *see* AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**rev'o-lu'tion-ize'** (-shə nīz') *vt. -ized', -izing* to make a fundamental change in

**re-volve** (ri vālv', -vōlv') *vt. -volved', -volv'ing* [*< L re-, back + volvere, to roll*] to turn over in the mind —*vi.* 1 to move in a circle or orbit 2 to rotate —**re-volv'a-ble** *adj.*

**re-volv'er** *n.* a handgun with a revolving cylinder containing cartridges

**re-vue** (ri vyōō') *n.* [*Fr, review*] a musical show with skits, dances, etc., often parodying recent events

**re-vul-sion** (ri vul'shən) *n.* [*< L re-, back + vellere, to pull*] extreme disgust; loathing

**re-ward** (ri wōrd') *n.* [*< OFr regarde: see REGARD*] 1 something given in return for something done 2 money offered, as for capturing a criminal — *vt.* to give a reward to (someone) for (service, etc.)

**re-ward'ing** *adj.* giving a sense of reward or worthwhile return

**re-wind** (rē wīnd') *vt. -wound', -wind'ing* to wind again; specif., to wind (film or tape) back on the original reel

**re-word'** *vt.* to change the wording of

**re-write'** *vt., vi. -wrote', -writ'ten, -writ'ing* 1 to write again 2 to revise (something written) 3 to write (news turned in) in a form suitable for publication

**Rey-kja-vík** (rā'kyə vēk', -vik') seaport & capital of Iceland: pop. 103,000

**RFD** *abbrev.* Rural Free Delivery

**rhap-so-dize** (rap'sə dīz') *vi., vt. -dized', -diz'ing* to speak or write in a rhapsodic manner

**rhap'so-dy** (-sə dē) *n., pl. -dies* [*< Gr rhaptein, stitch together + ōidē, song*] 1 any ecstatic or enthusiastic speech or writing 2 a musical composition of free, irregular form, suggesting improvisation —**rhap-sod'ic** (-sād'ik) or **rhap-sod'i-cal** *adj.*

**rhe-a** (rē'ə) *n.* [*< Gr*] a large, flightless South American bird, like an ostrich but smaller

**rhe-o-stat** (rē'ə stat') *n.* [*< Gr rheos, current + -STAT*] a device for varying the resistance of an electric circuit, used as for dimming or brightening electric lights

**rhesus (monkey)** (rē'səs) [*< Gr proper name*] a brownish-yellow monkey of India: used in medical research

**rheto-ric** (ret'ə rik) *n.* [*< Gr rhētōr, orator*] 1 the art of using words effectively; esp., the art of prose composition 2 showy, elaborate language that is empty or insincere —**rhe-tor-i-cal** (ri tōr' i kəl) *adj.* —**rhet'o-ri'cian** (-ə rish'ən) *n.*

**rhetorical question** a question asked

only for rhetorical effect, no answer being expected

**rheum** (rōōm) *n.* [*< Gr rheuma, a flow*] watery discharge from the eyes, nose, etc., as in a cold

**rheumatic fever** an acute or chronic disease, usually of children, with fever, swelling of the joints, inflammation of the heart, etc.

**rheu-ma-tism** (rōō'mə tiz'əm) *n.* [*see RHEUM*] *nontechnical term* for a painful condition of the joints and muscles — **rheu-mat'ic** (-mat'ik) *adj., n.* — **rheu'ma-toid'** (-mə tōid') *adj.*

**rheumatoid arthritis** a chronic disease with painful swelling of joints, often leading to deformity

**Rh factor** (är'äch') [*first discovered in RH(ESUS) monkeys*] a group of antigens, usually present in human blood: people who have this factor are **Rh positive**; those who do not are **Rh negative**

**Rhine** (rīn) river in W Europe, flowing from E Switzerland through Germany & the Netherlands into the North Sea

**rhine-stone** (rīn'stōn') *n.* a bright, colorless artificial gem of hard glass, often cut like a diamond

**Rhine wine** a light white wine, esp. one produced in the valley of the Rhine

**rhi-ni-tis** (rī nīt'is) *n.* [*< Gr rhis, nose + -ITIS*] inflammation of the nasal mucous membrane

**rhi-no** (rī'nō) *n., pl. -nos or -no* *short for* RHINOCEROS

**rhi-noc-er-os** (rī nās'ər əs) *n.* [*< Gr rhis, nose + keras, horn*] a large, thick-skinned, plant-eating mammal of Africa and Asia, with one or two upright horns on the snout

**rhi-zome** (rī'zōm') *n.* [*< Gr rhiza, a root*] a horizontal stem on or under soil, bearing leaves near its tips and roots from its undersurface

**rho** (rō) *n.* the 17th letter of the Greek alphabet (P, ρ)

**Rhode Island** (rōd) New England state of the U.S.: 1,045 sq. mi.; pop. 1,003,000; cap. Providence: *abbrev. RI* —**Rhode Islander**

**Rhodes** (rōdz) large Greek island in the Aegean

**rho-do-den-dron** (rō'də den'drən) *n.* [*< Gr rhodon, rose + dendron, tree*] any of various trees or shrubs, mainly evergreen, with showy flowers

**rhomboid** (rām'boid') *n.* [*< Fr: see fol. & -OID*] a parallelogram with oblique angles and only the opposite sides equal

**rhombus** (rām'bəs) *n., pl. -bus-es or -bi' (-bī')* [*< Gr rhombos, turnable object*] an equilateral parallelogram, esp. one with oblique angles

**Rhone or Rhône** (rōn) river flowing through SW Switzerland & France into the Mediterranean

**rhu-barb** (rōō'bärb') *n.* [*< Gr rhēon, rhu-barb + barbaron, foreign*] 1 a plant with long, thick stalks that are cooked into a sauce, etc. 2 [Slang] a heated argument

**rhyme** (rīm) *n.* [*< OFr*] 1 a poem or



verse with like recurring sounds, esp. at ends of lines 2 such verse, poetry, or likeness of sounds 3 a word like another in end sound —*vi.* **rhymed**, **rhym'ing** 1 to make (rhyming) verse 2 to form a rhyme ["more" *rhymes* with "door"] —*vt.* 1 to put into rhyme 2 to use as a rhyme

**rhym'er** *n.* a maker of rhymes, esp. a rhymester

**rhyme'ster** *n.* a maker of trivial rhyme

**rhythm** (rith'əm) *n.* [*< Gr rhythmos, measure*] 1 movement, flow, etc. characterized by regular recurrence of beat, accent, etc. 2 the pattern of this in music, verse, etc. —**rhyth'mic** (-mik) or **rhyth'mi-cal** *adj.* —**rhyth'mi-cal-ly** *adv.*

**rhythm and blues** the form of American popular music from which rock-and-roll derives

**rhythm method** a method of seeking birth control by abstaining from intercourse during the woman's probable ovulation period

**RI** Rhode Island

**rib** (rib) *n.* [*OE*] 1 any of the arched bones attached to the spine and enclosing the chest cavity 2 anything like a rib in appearance or function —*vt.* **ribbed**, **rib'bing** 1 to strengthen or form with ribs 2 [Slang] to make fun of; kid

**rib·ald** (rib'əld) *adj.* [*< OHG riban, to rub*] coarse or vulgar in joking, speaking, etc. —**rib'ald-ry** *n.*

**rib·bon** (rib'ən) *n.* [*< MFr ruban*] 1 a narrow strip of silk, rayon, etc. used for decoration, tying, etc. 2 [*pl.*] torn shreds 3 an inked strip for printing, as in a typewriter, etc.

**rib'bon-cut'ting** *n.* a ceremony to officially open a new building, construction site, etc.

**rib'-eye'** (steak) boneless beefsteak from the rib section

**ri·bo·fla·vin** (rī'bə flā'vin) *n.* [*< ribose, a sugar + L flavus, yellow*] a B vitamin found in milk, eggs, fruits, etc.: see VITAMIN B (COMPLEX)

**rice** (rīs) *n.* [*< Gr oryza*] 1 an aquatic cereal grass grown widely in warm climates, esp. in East Asia 2 the starchy grains of this grass, used as food —*vt.* **riced**, **ric'ing** to make ricelike granules from (cooked potatoes, etc.) using a utensil with small holes (**ric'er**)

**rich** (rich) *adj.* [*< OFr*] 1 owning much money or property; wealthy 2 well-supplied (*with*); abounding (*in*) 3 valuable or costly 4 full of choice ingredients, as butter, sugar, etc. [*rich* pastries] 5 *a*) full and mellow (said of sounds) *b*) deep; vivid (said of colors) *c*) very fragrant 6 abundant 7 yielding in abundance, as soil 8 [*Inf.*] very amusing — the rich wealthy people collectively — **rich'ly** *adv.* —**rich'ness** *n.*

**Rich·ard I** (rich'ərd) 1157-99; king of England (1189-99): called **Richard Coeur de Li·on** (kər də lē'ən) or **Richard the Li'on-Heart'ed**

**rich·es** (rich'iz) *pl.n.* [*< OFr richesse*] wealth

**Rich·mond** (rich'mənd) capital of Virginia: pop. 203,000

**Rich·ter scale** (rik'tər) [*devised by C. Richter (1900-85), U.S. geologist*] a scale for measuring the magnitude of earthquakes

**rick** (rik) *n.* [*OE hreac*] a stack of hay, straw, etc.

**rick·ets** (rik'its) *n.* [*< ? Gr rhachis, spine*] a disease, chiefly of children, characterized by a softening and, often, bending of the bones

**rick·et·y** (rik'it ē) *adj.* feeble; weak; shaky

**rick·shaw** or **rick·sha** (rik'shō') *n.* JIN-RIKISHA

**ric·o·chet** (rik'ə shā') *n.* [*Fr*] the oblique rebound of a bullet, etc. after striking a surface at an angle —*vi.* **-cheted'** (-shād'), **-chet'ing** (-shā'ing) to make a ricochet

**ri·cot·ta** (ri kät'ə) *n.* [*It < L recocta, recooked*] a soft cheese made from whey, whole milk, or both

**rid** (rid) *vt.* **rid** or **rid'ded**, **rid'ding** [*< ON rythja, to clear (land)*] to free or relieve, as of something undesirable —**get rid of** to give or throw away or to destroy

**rid·dance** (rid'ns) *n.* a ridding or being rid —**good riddance** an expression of satisfaction at being rid of something

**rid·den** (rid'n) *vi., vt. pp. of RIDE* —*adj.* dominated: used in compounds [*fear-ridden*]

**rid·dle**<sup>1</sup> (rid'l) *n.* [*OE rædels*] 1 a puzzling question, etc. requiring some ingenuity to answer 2 any puzzling person or thing

**rid·dle**<sup>2</sup> (rid'l) *vt.* **-dled**, **-dling** [*< OE hriddel, a sieve*] 1 to make many holes in 2 to affect every part of [*riddled with errors*]

**ride** (rid) *vi.* **rode**, **rid'den**, **rid'ing** [*OE ridan*] 1 to be carried along by a horse, in a vehicle, etc. 2 to be supported in motion (*on* or *upon*) [*tanks ride on treads*] 3 to admit of being ridden [*the car rides smoothly*] 4 to move or float on water 5 [*Inf.*] to continue undisturbed [*let the matter ride*] —*vt.* 1 to sit on or in and control so as to move along 2 to move over, along, or through (a road, area, etc.) by horse, car, etc. 3 to control, dominate, etc. [*ridden by doubts*] 4 [*Inf.*] to tease with ridicule, etc. —*n.* 1 a riding 2 a thing to ride at an amusement park

**rid'er** *n.* 1 one who rides 2 an addition or amendment to a document

**rid'er·ship'** *n.* the passengers of a particular transportation system

**ridge** (rij) *n.* [*< OE hrycg, animal's spine*] 1 the long, narrow crest of something 2 a long, narrow elevation of land 3 any raised narrow strip 4 the horizontal line formed by the meeting of two sloping surfaces —*vt., vi.* **ridged**, **ridg'ing** to mark or be marked with, or form into, ridges

**ridge·pole'** *n.* the horizontal beam at the ridge of a roof, to which the rafters are attached

**rid·i·cule** (rid'i kyool') *n.* [*< L ridere, to laugh*] 1 the act of making someone the object of scornful laughter 2 words



or actions intended to produce such laughter —*vt.* -culed', -cul'ing to make fun of; deride; mock

**ri·dic·u·lous** (ri dik'yə ləs) *adj.* deserving ridicule —*ri·dic'u·lous·ly* *adv.* —*ri·dic'u·lous·ness* *n.*

**rife** (rif) *adj.* [OE *ryfe*] 1 widespread 2 abounding [*rife* with error]

**riff** (rif) *n.* [prob. altered < REFRAIN<sup>2</sup>] *Jazz* a constantly repeated musical phrase —*vi.* *Jazz* to perform a riff

**rif·fle** (rif'əl) *n.* [< ?] 1 a ripple in a stream, produced by a reef, etc. 2 a certain way of shuffling cards —*vt.*, *vi.* -fled, -fling to shuffle (playing cards) by letting a divided deck fall together as the corners are slipped through one's thumbs

**riff·raff** (rif'raf') *n.* [< OFr] those people regarded as worthless, disreputable, etc.

**ri·fle**<sup>1</sup> (ri'fəl) *vt.* -fled, -fling [Fr *rifler*, to scrape] to cut spiral grooves within (a gun barrel, etc.) —*n.* a gun, fired from the shoulder, with a rifled barrel to spin the bullet for greater accuracy

**ri·fle**<sup>2</sup> (ri'fəl) *vt.* -fled, -fling [< OFr *rifler*] to ransack and rob —*ri'fler* *n.*

**ri'fle·man** (-mən) *n.*, *pl.* -men (-mən) a soldier armed with a rifle

**ri·fling** (ri'flin) *n.* spiral grooves cut within a gun barrel to make the projectile spin

**rift** (rift) *n.* [< Dan, fissure] an opening caused by splitting; cleft —*vt.*, *vi.* to burst open; split

**rig** (rig) *vt.* rigged, rig'ging [< Scand] 1 to fit (a ship, mast, etc.) with (sails, shrouds, etc.) 2 to assemble 3 to equip 4 to arrange dishonestly 5 [Inf.] to dress: with *out* —*n.* 1 the way sails, etc. are rigged 2 equipment; gear 3 oil-drilling equipment 4 a tractor-trailer

**rig·a·ma·role** (rig'ə mə rōl') *n.* *var.* of RIGMAROLE

**rig'ging** *n.* the ropes, chains, etc. for a vessel's masts, sails, etc.

**right** (rit) *adj.* [< OE *riht*, straight] 1 with a straight line or plane perpendicular to a base [*a right angle*] 2 upright; virtuous 3 correct 4 fitting; suitable 5 designating the side or surface meant to be seen 6 mentally or physically sound 7 *a)* designating or of that side of the body toward the east when one faces north *b)* designating or of the corresponding side of anything *c)* closer to the right side of one who is facing the thing mentioned —*n.* 1 what is right, just, etc. 2 power, privilege, etc. belonging to one by law, nature, etc. 3 the right side 4 the right hand 5 [often *R-*] *Politics* a conservative or reactionary position, party, etc.: often with *the* —*adv.* 1 straight; directly [*go right home*] 2 properly; fittingly 3 completely 4 exactly [*right here*] 5 according to law, justice, etc. 6 correctly 7 on or toward the right side 8 very: in certain titles [*the right reverend*] —*interj.* agreed! OK! —*vt.* 1 to put upright 2 to correct 3 to put in order —*right away* (or *off*) at once —*right on!* [Slang] that's right! —*right'ly* *adv.* —*right'ness*

*n.*

**right'a·bout'·face'** *n.* ABOUT-FACE

**right angle** an angle of 90 degrees

**right·eous** (ri'chəs) *adj.* 1 acting in a just, upright manner; virtuous 2 morally right or justifiable —*right'eous·ly* *adv.* —*right'eous·ness* *n.*

**right'ful** *adj.* 1 fair and just; right 2 having a lawful claim —*right'ful·ly* *adv.* —*right'ful·ness* *n.*

**right'·hand'** *adj.* 1 on or toward the right 2 of, for, or with the right hand 3 most helpful or reliable [*a right-hand man*]

**right'·hand'ed** *adj.* 1 using the right hand more skillfully than the left 2 done with or made for use with the right hand —*adv.* 1 with the right hand 2 in such a way that the bat, club, etc. swings leftward —*right'·hand'ed·ness* *n.*

**right'ist** *n.*, *adj.* conservative or reactionary

**right'·mind'ed** *adj.* having sound principles

**right of way** 1 the right to move first at intersections 2 land over which a road, power line, etc. passes 3 right of passage, as over another's property Also *right'-of-way'*

**right'-to-life'** *adj.* designating any movement, party, etc. opposed to abortion —*right'-to-lif'er* *n.*

**right triangle** a triangle with a right angle

**right wing** the more conservative or reactionary section of a political party or group —*right'·wing'* *adj.* —*right'·wing'er* *n.*

**rig·id** (rij'id) *adj.* [< L *rigere*, be stiff] 1 not bending or flexible; stiff 2 not moving; fixed 3 severe; strict 4 having a rigid framework: said of a dirigible —*rig·id·i·ty* (ri jid'ə tē) or *rig'id·ness* *n.* —*rig'id·ly* *adv.*

**rig·ma·role** (rig'mə rōl') *n.* [< ME *rageman rolle*, long list] 1 nonsense 2 a foolishly complicated procedure

**rig·or** (rig'ər) *n.* [< L *rigere*: see RIGID] 1 severity; strictness 2 hardship Brit. sp. *rig'our* —*rig'or·ous* *adj.* —*rig'or·ous·ly* *adv.*

**rigor mor·tis** (môr'tis) [L, stiffness of death] the stiffening of the muscles after death

**rile** (ril) *vt.* riled, ril'ing [var. of ROIL] [Inf. or Dial.] to anger; irritate

**rill** (ril) *n.* [< Du *ril*] a rivulet

**rim** (rim) *n.* [OE *rima*] 1 an edge, border, or margin, esp. of something circular 2 the outer part of a wheel —*vt.* rimmed, rim'ming to put a rim or rims on or around —*rim'less* *adj.*

**rime**<sup>1</sup> (rīm) *n.*, *vi.*, *vt.* rimed, rim'ing RHYME

**rime**<sup>2</sup> (rīm) *n.* [OE *hrim*] FROST (sense 2)

**rind** (rīnd) *n.* [OE] a hard outer layer or covering

**ring**<sup>1</sup> (rin) *vi.* rang or [Now Chiefly Dial.] rung, rung, ring'ing [OE *hringan*] 1 to give forth a resonant sound, as a bell 2 to seem [*to ring true*] 3 to sound a bell,



esp. as a summons **4** to resound [to *ring* with laughter] **5** to have a ringing sensation, as the ears —**vt.** **1** to cause (a bell, etc.) to ring **2** to signal, announce, etc., as by ringing **3** to call by telephone —**n.** **1** the sound of a bell **2** a characteristic quality [the *ring* of truth] **3** the act of ringing a bell **4** a telephone call —**ring a bell** to stir up a memory

**ring**<sup>2</sup> (rɪŋ) **n.** [OE *hring*] **1** an ornamental circular band worn on a finger **2** any similar band [a key *ring*] **3** a circular line, mark, figure, or course **4** a group of people or things in a circle **5** a group working to advance its own interests, esp. by dishonest means **6** an enclosed area for contests, exhibitions, etc. [a circus *ring*] **7** prizefighting: with *the* —**vt.** **ringed**, **ring'ing** **1** to encircle **2** to form into a ring —**run rings around** **1** to run much faster than **2** to do much better than

**ring'er**<sup>1</sup> **n.** a horseshoe, etc. thrown so that it encircles the peg

**ring'er**<sup>2</sup> **n.** **1** one that rings a bell, etc. **2** [Slang] *a*) a person or thing closely resembling another *b*) a fraudulent substitute in a competition

**ring'lead'er** **n.** one who leads others, esp. in unlawful acts, etc.

**ring'let** (-lit) **n.** a long curl of hair

**ring'mas'ter** **n.** a person who directs the performances in a circus ring

**ring'side'** **n.** **1** the place just outside a boxing or circus ring **2** any place providing a close view

**ring'worm'** **n.** a contagious skin disease caused by a fungus

**rink** (rɪŋk) **n.** [< OFr *renc*, a rank] **1** an expanse of ice for skating **2** a smooth floor for roller-skating

**rinse** (rɪns) **vt.** **rinsed**, **rins'ing** [ult. < L *recens*, fresh] **1** to wash or flush lightly **2** to remove soap, etc. from with clear water —**n.** **1** a rinsing or the liquid used **2** a solution used to rinse or tint hair

**Ri-o de Ja-nei-ro** (rē'ō dā' zhə ner'ō) city & seaport in SE Brazil: pop. 5,093,000

**Ri-o Gran-de** (rē'ō grand', -gran'dē) river flowing from S Colorado into the Gulf of Mexico: the S border of Texas

**ri-ot** (-rī'ət) **n.** [< OFr *riote*, dispute] **1** wild or violent disorder, confusion, etc.; esp., a violent public disturbance **2** a brilliant display **3** [Inf.] something very funny —**vi.** to take part in a riot —**read the riot act** to command to stop by threatening punishment —**run riot** **1** to act wildly **2** to grow wild in abundance —**ri'ot-er** **n.** —**ri'ot-ous** **adj.**

**rip** (rɪp) **vt.** **ripped**, **rip'ping** [ME *rippen*] **1 a)** to cut or tear apart roughly *b)* to remove in this way (with *off*, *out*, etc.) *c)* to sever the threads of (a seam) **2** to saw (wood) along the grain —**vi.** **1** to become ripped **2** [Inf.] to rush; speed —**n.** a ripped place —**rip into** [Inf.] to attack, esp. verbally —**rip off** [Slang] **1** to steal **2** to cheat or exploit —**rip'per** **n.**

**R.I.P.** or **RIP** *abbrev.* may he (she) rest in

peace

**rip cord** a cord, etc. pulled to open a parachute during descent

**ripe** (rɪp) **adj.** [OE] **1** ready to be harvested, as grain or fruit **2** of sufficient age, etc. to be used [*ripe* cheese] **3** fully developed; mature **4** fully prepared; ready [*ripe* for action] —**ripe'ly** **adv.** —**ripe'ness** **n.**

**rip-en** (rɪ'pən) **vi.**, **vt.** to become or make ripe; mature, age, etc.

**rip'-off'** **n.** [Slang] the act or an instance of stealing, cheating, etc.

**ri-poste** or **ri-post** (rɪ pōst') **n.** [Fr < L *respondere*, to answer] a sharp, swift response; retort

**rip-ple** (rɪ'pəl) **vi.**, **vt.** -pled, -pling [prob. < RIP] to have or form little waves on the surface (of) —**n.** **1** a small wave **2** a rippling

**ripple effect** the spreading effects caused by a single event

**rip'-roar'ing** (-rôr'in) **adj.** [Slang] boisterous; uproarious

**rip'saw'** **n.** a saw with coarse teeth, for cutting wood along the grain

**rip'tide'** **n.** a current opposing other currents, esp. along a seashore: also **rip tide**

**rise** (rɪz) **vi.** **rose**, **ris-en** (rɪz'ən), **ris'ing** [< OE *risan*] **1** to stand or sit up after sitting, kneeling, or lying **2** to rebel; revolt **3** to go up; ascend **4** to appear above the horizon, as the sun **5** to attain a higher level, rank, etc. **6** to extend, slant, or move upward **7** to increase in amount, degree, etc. **8** to expand and swell, as dough with yeast **9** to originate; begin **10** *Theol.* to return to life —**n.** **1** upward movement; ascent **2** an advance in status, rank, etc. **3** a slope upward **4** an increase in degree, amount, etc. **5** beginning; origin —**give rise to** to bring about

**ris'er** **n.** **1** one that rises **2** a vertical piece between the steps in a stairway

**ris-i-ble** (rɪz'ə bəl) **adj.** [< L *ridere*, to laugh] causing laughter; funny —**ris'i-bil'i-ty**, **pl.** -ties, **n.**

**ris'ing** **n.** an uprising; revolt

**risk** (rɪsk) **n.** [< Fr < It *risco*] the chance of injury, damage, or loss —**vt.** **1** to expose to risk [to *risk* one's life] **2** to incur the risk of [to *risk* a war] —**risk'y**, -i-er, -i-est, **adj.**

**ris-qué** (rɪs kâ') **adj.** [Fr < *risquer*, to risk] very close to being improper or indecent; suggestive

**Rit-a-lin** (rɪt'əl in) *trademark* for a stimulant drug used to treat depression, hyperactivity, etc.

**rite** (rɪt) **n.** [L *ritus*] a ceremonial, solemn act, as in religious use

**rite of passage** a significant event, ceremony, etc. in a person's life

**rit-u-al** (rɪch'oo əl) **adj.** of, like, or done as a rite —**n.** a set form or system of rites, religious or otherwise —**rit'u-al-ism'** **n.** —**rit'u-al-ly** **adv.**

**ri-val** (rɪ'vəl) **n.** [< L *rivalis*] one who tries to get or do the same thing as another, or to equal or surpass another; competitor —**adj.** acting as a rival; competing —**vt.** -valed or -valled, -val-ing or



**-val·ling** 1 to try to equal or surpass 2 to equal in some way —**ri'val·rous** *adj.* —**ri'val·ry**, *pl. -ries, n.*

**riv·en** (riv'ən) *adj.* torn apart or split

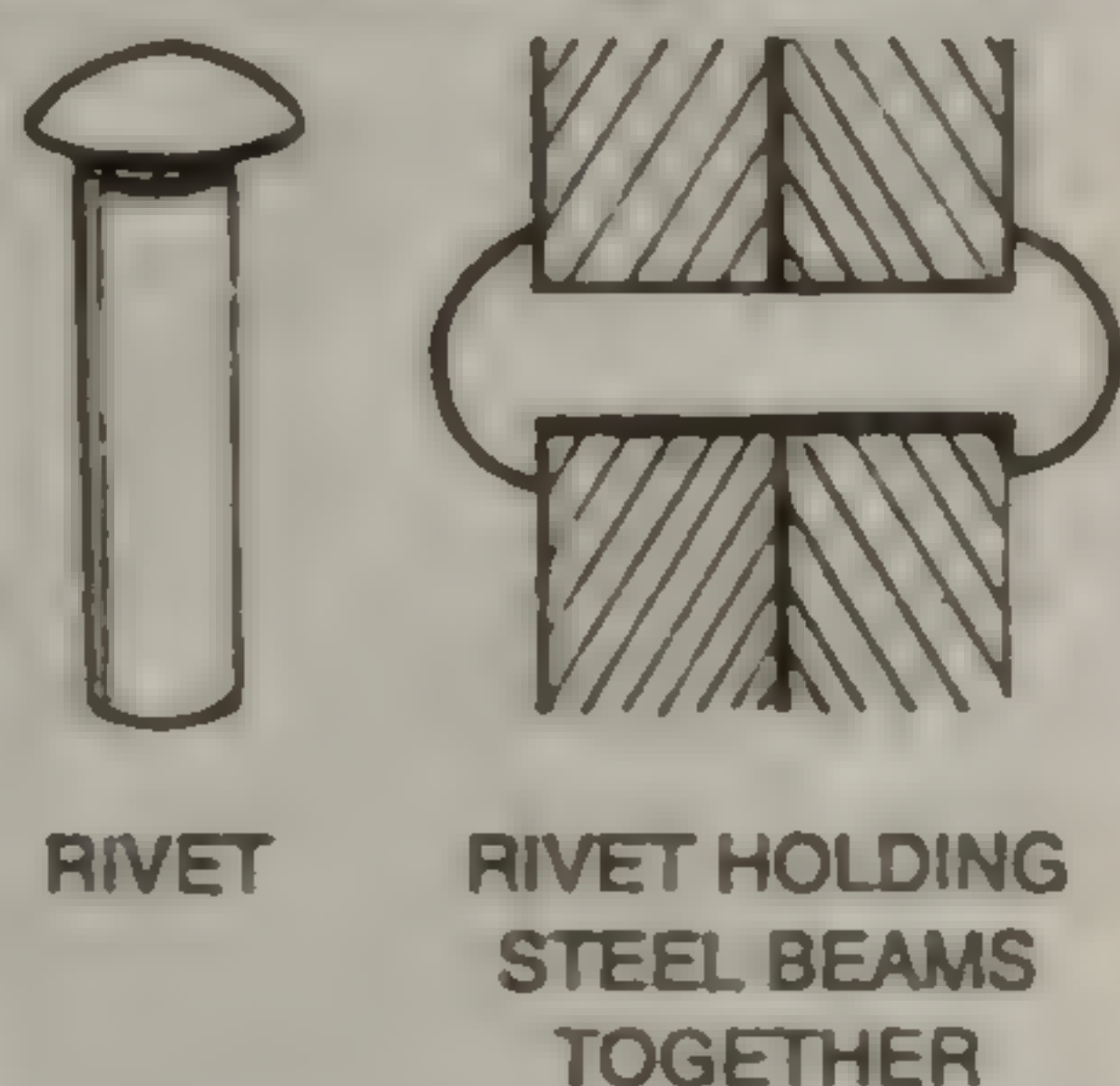
**riv·er** (riv'ər) *n.* [**< L** *ripa*, a bank] a natural stream of water flowing into an ocean, a lake, etc.

**river basin** the area drained by a river and its tributaries

**riv'er·side'** *n.* the bank of a river

**Riv·er·side** (riv'ər sīd') city in S California: pop. 227,000

**riv·et** (riv'it) *n.* [**Fr < river**, to clinch] a metal bolt with a head and a plain end that is flattened after the bolt is passed through parts to be held together —**vt.** to fasten with or as with rivets — **riv'et·er** *n.*



**Riv·i·er·a** (riv'ē er'ə) strip of the Mediterranean coast of SE France & NW Italy: a resort area

**riv·u·let** (riv'yoo lit) *n.* [**< L** *rivus*, brook] a little stream

**rm** *abbrev.* 1 ream 2 room

**Rn** *Chem. symbol for radon*

**RN** *abbrev.* Registered Nurse

**RNA** *n.* [**r(ibo)n(ucleic) a(cid)**] an essential component of all living matter: one form carries genetic information

**roach**<sup>1</sup> (rōch) *n.* short for COCKROACH

**roach**<sup>2</sup> (rōch) *n., pl. roach or roach'es* [**< OFr** *roche*] a freshwater fish of the carp family

**road** (rōd) *n.* [**OE** *rad*, a ride] 1 a way made for traveling; highway 2 a way; course [the road to fortune] 3 [often *pl.*] a place near shore where ships can ride at anchor —**on the road** traveling, as by a salesman or a touring troupe of actors

**road'bed'** *n.* the foundation laid for railroad tracks, a highway, etc.

**road'block'** *n.* 1 a blockade set up in a road as to prevent movement of vehicles 2 any hindrance

**road'kill'** *n.* [Slang] the body of an animal killed by a passing vehicle

**road rage** angry or violent behavior by motorists, as caused by stress in traffic

**road'run'ner** *n.* a long-tailed, swift-running desert bird of the SW U.S. and N Mexico: also road runner

**road'show'** *n.* a touring theatrical show

**road'side'** *n.* the side of a road —**adj.** on or at the side of a road

**road'way'** *n.* a road; specif., the part of a road used by vehicles

**road'work'** *n.* distance running or jogging as an exercise, esp. by a boxer

**roam** (rōm) *vi., vt.* [**ME** *romen*] to wander aimlessly (over or through) — **roam'er** *n.*

**roan** (rōn) *adj.* [**< OSp** *roano*] bay, black, etc. thickly sprinkled with white —*n.* a roan horse

**roar** (rōr) *vi.* [**OE** *rarian*] 1 to make a loud, deep, rumbling sound 2 to laugh boisterously —**vt.** to say loudly —*n.* a loud, deep, rumbling sound

**roast** (rōst) *vt.* [**< OFr** *rostit*] 1 to cook (meat, etc.) with little or no moisture, as in an oven or over an open fire 2 to process (coffee, etc.) by exposure to heat 3 to expose to great heat 4 [Inf.] to criticize severely —**vi.** 1 to undergo roasting 2 to be or become very hot — *n.* 1 roasted meat 2 a cut of meat for roasting 3 a picnic at which food is roasted —**adj.** roasted [roast pork] — **roast'er** *n.*

**rob** (rāb) *vt.* robbed, **rob'bing** [**< OFr** *rober*] 1 to take money, etc. from unlawfully by force; steal from 2 to deprive of something unjustly or injuriously —**vi.** to be one who robs —**rob'ber** *n.* —**rob'ber·y**, *pl. -ies, n.*

**robe** (rōb) *n.* [**< OFr**] 1 a long, loose outer garment 2 such a garment worn to show rank or office, as by a judge 3 a bathrobe or dressing gown 4 a covering or wrap [a lap robe] —**vt., vi.** robed, **rob'ing** to dress in a robe

**rob·in** (rā'bən) *n.* [**< OFr** dim. of *Robert*] a North American thrush with a dull-red breast

**Robin Hood** *Eng. Legend* the leader of a band of outlaws who robs the rich to help the poor

**Ro·bin·son Cru·soe** (rā'bən sən krōō'sō') the title hero of Defoe's novel (1719) about a shipwrecked sailor

**ro·bot** (rō'bät') *n.* [**< Czech < OSlav** *rabu*, servant] 1 a mechanical device operating automatically, in a seemingly human way 2 a person acting like a robot

**ro·bot'ics** *n.* the science or technology of robots, their design, use, etc.

**ro·bust** (rō bust', rō'bust') *adj.* [**< L** *robur*, oak] strong and healthy —**ro·bust'ly** *adv.* —**ro·bust'ness** *n.*

**Roch·es·ter** (räch'əs tər) city in W New York: pop. 230,000

**rock**<sup>1</sup> (rāk) *n.* [**< ML** *rocca*] 1 a large mass of stone 2 broken pieces of stone 3 mineral matter formed in masses in the earth's crust 4 anything like a rock; esp., a firm support —**on the rocks** [Inf.] 1 in trouble or near ruin 2 served over ice cubes: said of liquor, etc.

**rock**<sup>2</sup> (rāk) *vt., vi.* [**OE** *roccian*] 1 to move back and forth or from side to side 2 to sway strongly; shake —*n.* 1 a rocking motion 2 ROCK-AND-ROLL

**rock'a·bil'ly** (-ə bil'ē) *n.* [**ROCK(-AND-ROLL) + -a- + (HILL)BILLY**] an early form of rock-and-roll with a strong country music influence

**rock'-and-roll'** *n.* a form of popular music that evolved from rhythm and blues, characterized by a strong rhythm with an accent on the offbeat

**rock bottom** the lowest level

**rock'bound'** *adj.* surrounded or covered by rocks

**rock candy** large, hard, clear crystals of sugar formed on a string

**rock'er** *n.* 1 either of the curved pieces on which a cradle, etc. rocks 2 a chair mounted on such pieces: also rocking chair

**rocker panel** any panel section below



the doors of an automotive vehicle

**rock-et** (rāk'it) *n.* [It *rocchetta*, 'spool'] any device driven forward by gases escaping through a rear vent, as a firework, a projectile weapon, or the propulsion mechanism of a spacecraft —*vi.* to move in or like a rocket; soar

**rock'et-ry** (-ə trē) *n.* the science of building and launching rockets

**rock garden** a garden of flowers, etc. in ground studded with rocks

**rocking horse** a toy horse on rockers or springs, for a child to ride

**rock lobster** SPINY LOBSTER

**rock'-ribbed'** *adj.* 1 having rocky ridges 2 firm; unyielding

**rock salt** common salt in rocklike masses

**rock wool** a fibrous material made from molten rock, used for insulation

**rock-y**<sup>1</sup> (rāk'ē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 full of rocks 2 consisting of rock 3 like a rock; firm, hard, etc. —**rock'i-ness** *n.*

**rock-y**<sup>2</sup> (rāk'ē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est inclined to rock; unsteady —**rock'i-ness** *n.*

**Rocky Mountains** mountain system in W North America, extending from New Mexico to N Alaska: also **Rock'ies**

**Rocky Mountain sheep** BIGHORN

**ro-co-co** (rə kō'kō) *n.* [Fr < *rocaille*, shell work] [occas. R-] a style of architecture, art, music, etc. marked by profuse and delicate ornamentation, etc. —*adj.* 1 of or in rococo 2 too elaborate

**rod** (räd) *n.* [< OE *rodd*, straight shoot or stem] 1 a straight stick or bar 2 a stick for beating as punishment 3 a staff carried as a symbol of office; scepter 4 a pole for fishing 5 a measure of length equal to 5½ yards 6 [Slang] a pistol

**rode** (rōd) *vi., vt. pt. & archaic pp. of* RIDE

**ro-dent** (rōd'nt) *n.* [< L *rodere*, gnaw] any of an order of gnawing mammals, as rats or mice

**ro-de-o** (rō'dē ō') *n., pl. -os'* [Sp < L *rotare*, to turn] a public exhibition of the skills of cowboys, with contests in bull riding, lassoing, etc.

**Ro-din** (rô dan'), (François) Au-guste (René) (ô güst') 1840-1917; Fr. sculptor

**roe**<sup>1</sup> (rō) *n.* [ME *rowe*] fish eggs

**roe**<sup>2</sup> (rō) *n., pl. roe or roes* [< OE *ra*] a small, agile deer of Europe and Asia

**roe'buck'** *n.* the male roe deer

**roent-gen** (rent'gən) *n.* [after W. K. Roentgen (1845-1923), Ger physicist] the unit for measuring the radiation of X-rays or gamma rays

**Rog-er** (ră'jər) *interj.* [< name of signal flag for R] [also r-] 1 received 2 [Inf.] right! OK!

**rogue** (rōg) *n.* [< ?] 1 a scoundrel 2 a mischievous person —**ro-gue-y** (rō'gər ē), *pl. -ies, n.* —**ro-guish** (rō'gish) *adj.*

**rogues' gallery** a police collection of photographs of criminals

**roil** (roil) *vt.* [< L *robigo*, rust] 1 to make (a liquid) cloudy, muddy, etc. by stirring up sediment 2 to vex

**roist-er** (rois'tər) *vi.* [see RUSTIC] to revel noisily —**roist'er-er** *n.*

**role** (rōl) *n.* [Fr] 1 the part played by an actor 2 a function assumed by someone [an advisory role] Often **rôle**

**role model** a person so effective or inspiring as to be a model for others

**role'-play'ing** *n.* *Psychol.* a technique in which participants assume and act out roles so as to practice appropriate behavior, etc.

**roll** (rōl) *vi.* [< L *rota*, a wheel] 1 to move by turning around or over and over 2 to move on wheels 3 to pass [the years roll by] 4 to extend in gentle swells 5 to make a loud rising and falling sound [thunder rolls] 6 to rock from side to side —*vt.* 1 to make move by turning around or over and over 2 to make move on wheels 3 to utter with full, flowing sound 4 to pronounce with a trill [to roll one's r's] 5 to give a swaying motion to 6 to move around or from side to side [to roll one's eyes] 7 to make into a ball or cylinder [roll up the rug] 8 to flatten or spread with a roller, etc. —*n.* 1 a rolling 2 a scroll 3 a list of names 4 something rolled into a cylinder 5 a small portion of bread, etc. 6 a swaying motion 7 a loud, reverberating sound, as of thunder 8 a slight swell on a surface —**on a roll** [Slang] at a high point —**roll back** to reduce (prices) to a previous level —**strike off** (or from) the rolls to expel from membership

**roll'back'** *n.* a rolling back, esp. of prices to a previous level

**roll call** the reading aloud of a roll to find out who is absent

**roll-er** (rōl'ər) *n.* 1 one that rolls 2 a cylinder of metal, wood, etc. on which something is rolled, or one used to crush, smooth, or spread something

**roller bearing** a bearing in which the shaft turns with rollers in a circular track

**Roll'er-blade'** trademark for a kind of IN-LINE SKATE —*n.* [r-] any IN-LINE SKATE —**roll'er-blad'ing** *n.*

**roller coaster** an amusement ride in which small open cars move on tracks that dip and curve sharply

**roller skate** SKATE<sup>1</sup> (sense 2) —**roll'er-skate'**, -skat'ed, -skat'ing, *vi.* —**roller skater**

**rol-lick** (rāl'ik) *vi.* [< ? FROLIC] to play or behave in a lively, carefree way —**rol'lick-ing** *adj.*

**rolling pin** a smooth, heavy cylinder of wood, etc. used to roll out dough

**roll'-top'** *adj.* having a sliding, flexible top of parallel slats [a roll-top desk]

**Ro-lo-dex** (rō'lə deks') trademark for a kind of desktop file holding cards containing names and addresses for ready reference

**rō-ly-po-ly** (rō'lē pō'lē) *adj.* [< ROLL] short and plump; pudgy

**Rom** abbrev. Roman

**ROM** (rām) *n.* [r(ead-)o(nly) m(emory)] computer memory whose contents can be read but not altered; also, a memory chip like this



**ro-maine** (rō măn') *n.* [Fr, ult. < L *Romanus*, Roman] a type of lettuce with long leaves forming a slender head

**Ro-man** (rō'mən) *adj.* 1 of or characteristic of ancient or modern Rome or its people, etc. 2 of the Roman Catholic Church 3 [usually *r-*] designating or of the usual upright style of printing types; not italic —*n.* 1 a person born or living in ancient or modern Rome 2 [usually *r-*] roman type or characters

**Roman candle** a firework consisting of a tube that sends out balls of fire, etc.

**Roman Catholic** 1 of the Christian church (Roman Catholic Church) headed by the pope 2 a member of this church

**ro-mance** (rō mans', rō'mans') *adj.* [ult. < L *Romanicus*, Roman] [*R-*] designating or of any of the languages derived from Vulgar Latin, as Italian, Spanish, or French —*n.* 1 a long poem or tale, orig. written in a Romance dialect, about the adventures of knights 2 a novel of love, adventure, etc. 3 excitement, love, etc. of the kind found in such literature 4 a love affair —*vt.* -manced', -manc'ing to make love to; woo

**Roman Empire** empire of the ancient Romans (27 B.C.-A.D. 395), including W & S Europe, N Africa, & SW Asia

**Ro-ma-ni-a** (rō mā'nē ə) country in SE Europe: 91,699 sq. mi.; pop. 22,760,000 —**Ro-ma'ni-an** *adj., n.*

**Roman numerals** Roman letters used as numerals: I = 1, V = 5, X = 10, L = 50, C = 100, D = 500, and M = 1,000

**ro-man-tic** (rō man'tik) *adj.* 1 of, like, or characterized by romance 2 fanciful or fictitious 3 not practical; visionary 4 full of thoughts, feelings, etc. of romance 5 suited for romance 6 [often *R-*] of a 19th-c. cultural movement characterized by freedom of form and spirit, emphasis on feeling and originality, etc. —*n.* a romantic person —**ro-man'ti-cal-ly** *adv.* —**ro-man'ti-cism'** (-tə siz'am) *n.*

**ro-man'ti-cize'** (-tə siz') *vt.* -cized', -ciz'ing to treat or regard romantically —*vi.* to have romantic ideas, etc.

**Rom-a-ny** (räm'ə nē, rō'mə-) *n.* the language of the Gypsies

**Rome** (rōm) capital of Italy &, formerly, of the Roman Empire: pop. 2,605,000

**Ro-me-o** (rō'mē ō') *n.* the hero of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* (c. 1595)

**romp** (rämp) *n.* [prob. < OFr *ramper*, to climb] boisterous, lively play —*vi.* to play in a boisterous, lively way

**romp'er** *n.* 1 one who romps 2 [*pl.*] a loose, one-piece outer garment with pants like bloomers, for a small child

**Rom-u-lus** (räm'yoo ləs) *n.* *Rom. Myth.* founder and first king of Rome: he and his twin brother Remus are suckled by a female wolf

**rood** (rōod) *n.* [OE *rod*] 1 a crucifix 2 [Brit.] an old unit of area equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre

**roof** (rōof, roof) *n., pl.* roofs [OE *hrof*] 1 the outside top covering of a building 2 anything like this in position or use (the roof of the mouth) —*vt.* to cover with or as with a roof —**roof-less** *adj.*

**roof'er** *n.* a roof maker or repairer

**roof'ing** *n.* material for roofs

**roof'top'** *n.* the roof of a building

**rook**<sup>1</sup> (rook) *n.* [OE *hroc*] a European crow —*vt., vi.* to swindle; cheat

**rook**<sup>2</sup> (rook) *n.* [< Pers *rukḥ*] a chess piece that can move horizontally or vertically

**rook'er-y** *n., pl.* -ies a breeding place of rooks, or of seals, penguins, etc.

**rook-ie** (rook'ē) *n.* [Slang] 1 an inexperienced army recruit 2 [Inf.] any beginner

**room** (rōom, room) *n.* [OE *rum*] 1 space to contain something 2 suitable scope [*room* for doubt] 3 an interior space enclosed or set apart by walls 4 [*pl.*] living quarters 5 the people in a room —*vi., vt.* to have or provide with lodgings —**room'ful'** *n.* —**room'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.** —**room'i-ness** *n.*

**room and board** lodging and meals

**room'er** *n.* one who rents a room or rooms to live in; lodger

**room-ette** (rōo met') *n.* a small room in a railroad sleeping car

**rooming house** a house with furnished rooms for rent

**room'mate'** *n.* a person with whom one shares a room or rooms

**Roo-se-velt** (rō'zə velt') 1 Franklin Del-a-no (del'ə nō') 1882-1945; 32d president of the U.S. (1933-45) 2 Theodore 1858-1919; 26th president of the U.S. (1901-09)

**roost** (rōost) *n.* [OE *hrost*] 1 a perch on which birds, esp. domestic fowls, can rest 2 a place with perches for birds 3 a place for resting, sleeping, etc. —*vi.* 1 to perch on a roost 2 to stay or settle down, as for the night

**roost'er** *n.* a male chicken

**root**<sup>1</sup> (rōot, root) *n.* [< ON *rot*] 1 the part of a plant, usually underground, that anchors the plant, draws water from the soil, etc. 2 the embedded part of a tooth, a hair, etc. 3 a source or cause 4 a supporting or essential-part 5 a quantity that, multiplied by itself a specified number of times, produces a given quantity 6 the basic element of a word or form, without affixes or phonetic changes —*vi.* to take root —*vt.* 1 to fix the roots of in the ground 2 to establish; settle —**root up** (or **out**) to pull up by the roots; destroy completely —**take root** 1 to begin growing by putting out roots 2 to become fixed, settled, etc.

**root**<sup>2</sup> (rōot, root) *vt.* [< OE *wrot*, snout] to dig (*up* or *out*) with or as with the snout —*vi.* 1 to search about; rummage 2 [Inf.] to encourage a team, etc.: usually with *for*

**root beer** a carbonated drink made or flavored with certain plant root extracts

**root canal** 1 a tubular channel in a tooth's root 2 a treatment involving opening, cleaning, filling, etc. such a channel

**root'let** (-lit) *n.* a little root

**rope** (rōp) *n.* [OE *rap*] 1 a thick, strong



cord made of strands of fiber, etc. twisted together 2 a ropelike string, as of pearls —*vt.* roped, rop'ing 1 to fasten or tie with a rope 2 to mark off or enclose with a rope 3 to catch with a lasso —*know the ropes* [Inf.] to be well acquainted with a procedure, etc. — *rope in* [Slang] to entice or trick into doing something

**Roque·fort** (rōk'fōrt) [[after *Roquefort*, France, where made]] *trademark* for a strong French cheese with a bluish mold

**Ror·schach test** (rōr'shāk') [[after H. *Rorschach* (1884-1922), Swiss psychiatrist]] *Psychol.* a personality test in which the subject's interpretations of standard inkblot designs are analyzed

**ro·sa·ry** (rō'zər ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries [[ML *rosarium*]] *R.C.Ch.* a string of groups of beads, used to keep count in saying prayers

**rose**<sup>1</sup> (rōz) *n.* [[< L *rosa* < Gr *rhodon*]] 1 a shrub with prickly stems and with flowers of red, pink, white, yellow, etc. 2 its flower 3 pinkish red or purplish red — *adj.* of this color

**rose**<sup>2</sup> (rōz) *vi.* *pt.* of RISE

**ro·sé** (rō zā') *n.* [[Fr, pink]] a pink wine, tinted by the grape skins early in fermentation

**ro·se·ate** (rō'zē it) *adj.* rose-colored

**rose'bud'** *n.* the bud of a rose

**rose'bush'** *n.* a shrub that bears roses

**rose'col·ored** *adj.* 1 pinkish-red or purplish-red 2 optimistic —*through rose-colored glasses* with optimism, esp. undue optimism

**rose·mar·y** (rōz'mēr'ē) *n.* [[< L *ros marinus*, sea dew]] an evergreen herb of the mint family, with fragrant leaves used in perfumes, in cooking, etc.

**ro·sette** (rō zet') *n.* an ornament or arrangement, as of ribbons, resembling a rose

**rose water** a preparation of water and attar of roses, used as a perfume

**rose window** a circular window with a roselike pattern of tracery

**rose'wood'** *n.* [[< its odor]] 1 a hard, reddish wood, used in furniture, etc. 2 a tropical tree yielding this wood

**Rosh Ha·sha·na** (rōsh'hə shō'nə, -shā'-) the Jewish New Year

**ros·in** (rāz'an)

*n.* [[see RESIN]] the hard resin left after the distillation of turpentine: it is rubbed on violin bows, used in making varnish, etc.

**ros·ter** (rās'tər) *n.* [[< Du *rooster*]] a list or roll, as of military personnel

**ros·trum** (rās'trəm) *n.*, *pl.* -trums or -tra (-trə) [[L, beak]] a platform for public

speaking

**ros·y** (rō'zē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [[ME]] 1 rose in color 2 bright, promising, etc. — *ros'i-ly* *adv.* — *ros'i-ness* *n.*

**rot** (rät) *vi.*, *vt.* rōt'ted, rot'ting [[OE *rotian*]] to decompose; decay —*n.* 1 a rotting or something rotten 2 a disease characterized by decay 3 [Slang] nonsense

**ro·ta·ry** (rōt'ər ē) *adj.* [[< L *rota*, wheel]] 1 turning around a central axis, as a wheel does 2 having rotating parts [a rotary press] —*n.*, *pl.* -ries 1 a rotary machine 2 TRAFFIC CIRCLE

**ro·tate** (rō'tāt') *vi.*, *vt.* -tat'ed, -tat'ing [[< L *rota*, wheel]] 1 to turn around an axis 2 to change or cause to change in regular succession —*ro-ta'tion* *n.* —*ro'ta'tor* *n.*

**ROTC** *abbrev.* Reserve Officers' Training Corps

**rote** (rōt) *n.* [[ME]] a fixed, mechanical way of doing something —*by rote* by memory alone, without thought

**rot·gut** (rät'gut') *n.* [Slang] raw, low-grade whiskey or other liquor

**ro·tis·ser·ie** (rō tis'ər ē) *n.* [[Fr < earlier Fr *rostir*, to roast]] a grill with an electrically turned spit

**ro·to·gra·vure** (rōt'ə grə vyoor') *n.* [[< L *rota*, wheel + Fr *gravure*, engraving]] a printing process using a rotary press with cylinders etched from photographic plates

**ro·tor** (rōt'ər) *n.* 1 the rotating part of a motor, etc. 2 a system of rotating airfoils, as on a helicopter

**ro·to·till·er** (rōt'ə til'ər) *n.* a motorized machine with rotary blades, for loosening the earth around growing plants — *ro'to-till'* *vt.*

**rot·ten** (rät'n) *adj.* [[< ON *rotinn*]] 1 decayed; spoiled 2 foul-smelling 3 morally corrupt 4 unsound, as if decayed within 5 [Slang] very bad, unpleasant, etc. —*rot'ten-ness* *n.*

**Rot·ter·dam** (rät'ər dam') seaport in SW Netherlands: pop. 599,000

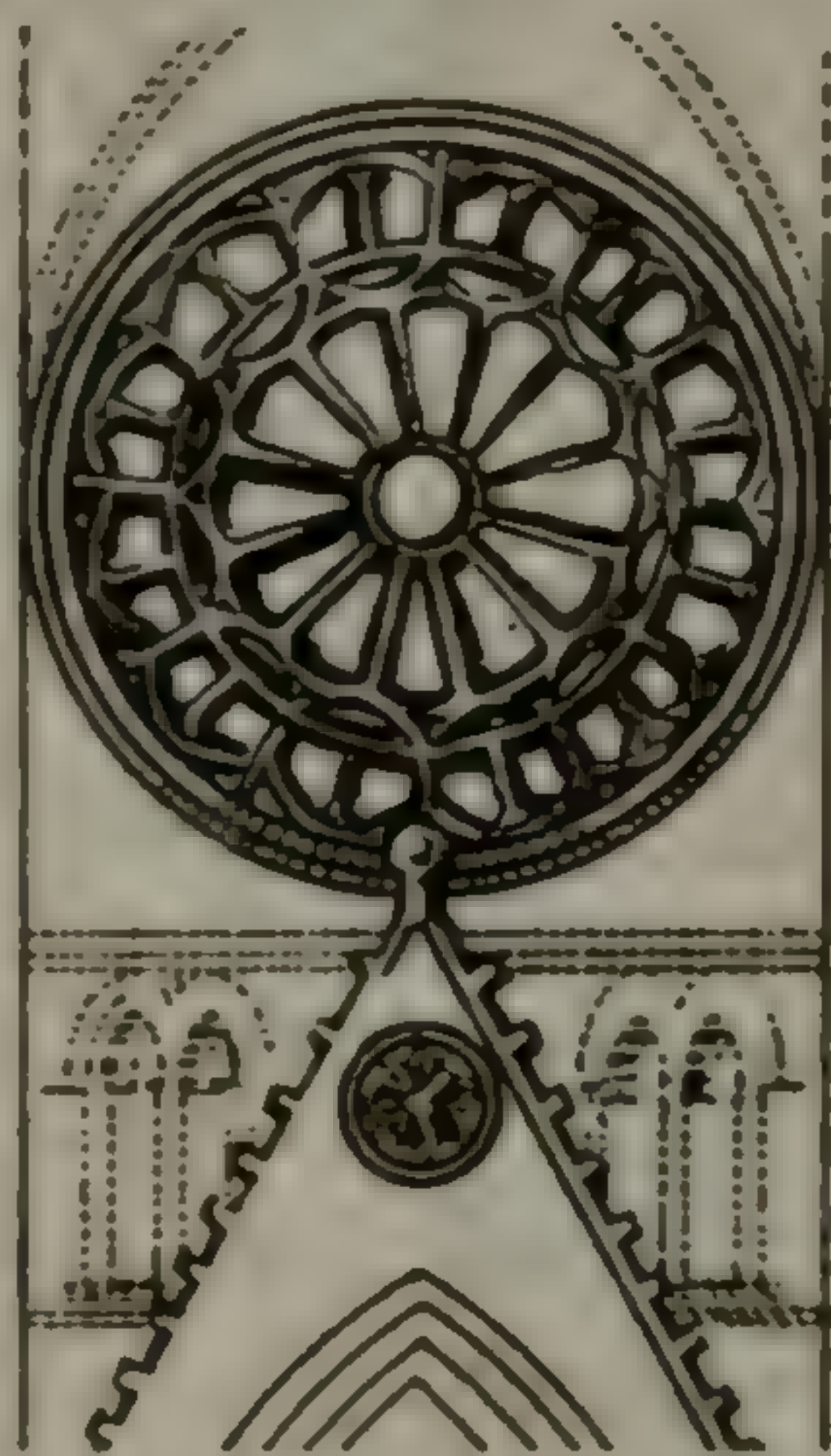
**ro·tund** (rō tund') *adj.* [[L *rotundus*]] plump or stout —*ro-tun'di-ty* or *ro-tund'ness* *n.*

**ro·tun·da** (rō tun'də) *n.* [[see prec.]] a round building, hall, or room, esp. one with a dome

**rou·é** (rōō ā') *n.* [[Fr < L *rota*, wheel]] a dissipated man; rake

**rouge** (rōōzh) *n.* [[Fr, red]] 1 a reddish cosmetic powder or paste for adding color to the cheeks 2 a reddish powder for polishing jewelry, etc. —*vt.* rouged, roug'ing to use cosmetic rouge on

**rough** (ruf) *adj.* [[OE *ruh*]] 1 not smooth or level; uneven 2 shaggy [a rough coat] 3 stormy [rough weather] 4 disorderly [rough play] 5 harsh or coarse 6 lacking comforts and conveniences 7 not polished or finished; crude 8 approximate [a rough guess] 9 [Inf.] difficult [a rough time] —*n.* 1 rough ground, material, condition, etc. 2 Golf any part of the course with grass, etc. left uncut —*adv.* in a rough way —*vt.* 1 to roughen: often with *up* 2 to treat roughly: usually with *up* 3 to sketch, shape, etc. roughly: usually with *in* or



ROSE WINDOW



*out* —rough it to live without customary comforts, etc. —*rough'ly adv.* —*rough'ness n.*

*rough'age n.* rough or coarse food or fodder

*rough'en vt., vi.* to make or become rough

*rough'-hew' vt.* -hewed', -hewed' or -hewn', -hew'ing 1 to hew (timber, stone, etc.) roughly, or without smoothing 2 to form roughly Also sp. *rough'hew'*

*rough'house' [Inf.] n.* rough, boisterous play, fighting, etc. —*vt., vi.* -housed', -hous'ing to treat or act roughly or boisterously

*rough'neck' n.* 1 [Inf.] a rowdy 2 a worker on an oil rig —*vi.* to work as a roughneck

*rough'shod' adj.* shod with horseshoes having metal points —*ride roughshod over* to treat harshly and arrogantly

*rou-lette (rōō let') n.* [[Fr < L *rota*, wheel]] a gambling game played by tossing a small ball into a whirling shallow bowl (*roulette wheel*) with numbered, red or black compartments

*round (round) adj.* [[< L *rotundus*, rotund]] 1 shaped like a ball, circle, or cylinder 2 plump 3 full; complete [a *round dozen*] 4 expressed by a whole number or in tens, hundreds, etc. —*n.* 1 something round, as the rung of a ladder 2 the part of a beef animal between the rump and the leg 3 a series or succession [a *round of parties*] 4 [often *pl.*] a regular, customary circuit, as by a watchman 5 a single shot from a gun, or from several guns together; also, the ammunition for this 6 a single outburst, as of applause 7 a single period of action, as in boxing 8 a short song which one group begins singing when another reaches the second phrase, etc. —*vt.* 1 to make round 2 to express as a round number: with *off* 3 to finish: with *out* or *off* 4 to go around —*vi.* 1 to turn; reverse direction 2 to become plump: often with *out* —*adv.* 1 AROUND 2 through a recurring period of time [to work the year *round*] 3 for each of several 4 in a roundabout way —*prep.* AROUND —*in the round* 1 in an arena theater 2 in full, rounded form: said of sculpture 3 in full detail —*round about* in or to the opposite direction —*round up* to collect in a herd, group, etc. —*round'ness n.*

*round'a-bout' adj.* indirect; circuitous

*roun-de-lay (roun'də lā') n.* [[< OFr *ron-del*, a short lyrical poem]] a simple song in which some phrase, line, etc. is continually repeated

*round'house' n.* a circular building for storing and repairing locomotives

*round'ly adv.* 1 in a round form 2 vigorously 3 fully; completely and thoroughly

*round'-shoul'dered adj.* having the shoulders bent forward

*round steak* a steak cut from a round of beef

*Round Table* 1 in legend, the circular table around which King Arthur and his knights sit 2 [r- t-] a group gath-

ered for an informal discussion

*round'-the-clock' adj., adv.* throughout the day and night; continuous(ly)

*round trip* a trip to a place and back again —*round'-trip' adj.*

*round'-trip'per n.* [Slang] *Baseball* a home run

*round'up' n.* 1 a driving together of cattle, etc. on the range, as for branding 2 any similar collecting 3 a summary, as of news

*round'worm' n.* NEMATODE

*rouse (rouz) vt., vi.* roused, rous'ing [[prob. < earlier Fr]] 1 to excite or become excited 2 to wake

*Rous-seau (rōō sō'), Jean Jacques (zhän zhāk')* 1712-78; Fr. philosopher & writer, born in Switzerland

*roust-a-bout (rous'tə bout') n.* [[< ROUSE + ABOUT]] an unskilled or transient laborer, as on a wharf or in an oil field

*rout<sup>1</sup> (rout) n.* [[< L *rupta*, broken]] 1 a disorderly flight 2 an overwhelming defeat —*vt.* 1 to put to flight 2 to defeat overwhelmingly

*rout<sup>2</sup> (rout) vt.* [[< ROOT<sup>2</sup>]] to force out —*rout out* 1 to gouge out 2 to make (a person) get out

*route (rōōt, rout) n.* [[< L *rupta (via)*, (path) broken through]] a road or course for traveling; often, a regular course, as in delivering mail —*vt.* rout'ed, rout'ing 1 to send by a certain route 2 to arrange the route for

*rou-tine (rōō tēn') n.* [[see prec.]] a regular procedure, customary or prescribed —*adj.* like or using routine —*rou-tine'ly adv.*

*rou-tin'ize (-tē'nīz) vt.* -ized, -iz-ing to make routine; reduce to a routine —*rou-tin-i-za'tion n.*

*rove (rōv) vi., vt.* roved, rov'ing [[ME *roven*]] to roam —*rov'er n.*

*row<sup>1</sup> (rō) n.* [[OE *ræw*]] 1 a number of people or things in a line 2 a line of seats in a theater, etc. —*in a row* in succession; consecutively

*row<sup>2</sup> (rō) vt., vi.* [[OE *rowan*]] 1 to propel (a boat) with oars 2 to carry in a rowboat —*n.* a trip by rowboat

*row<sup>3</sup> (rou) n., vi.* [[< ? ROUSE]] quarrel or brawl

*row-boat (rō'bōt') n.* a small boat made for rowing

*row-dy (rou'dē) n., pl. -dies* [[< ? ROW<sup>3</sup>]] a rough, quarrelsome, and disorderly person —*adj.* -di-er, -di-est rough, quarrelsome, etc. —*row'di-ness n.* —*row'dy-ism' n.*

*row-el (rou'əl) n.* [[ult. < L *rota*, wheel]] a small wheel with sharp points, at the end of a spur

*row house (rō)* any of a line of identical houses joined by common walls

*roy-al (roi'əl) adj.* [[< L *regalis*]] 1 of a king or queen 2 like, or fit for, a king or queen; magnificent, majestic, etc. 3 of a kingdom, its government, etc. —*roy'al-ly adv.*

*roy'al-ist n.* one who supports a monarch or a monarchy

*roy'al-ty n., pl. -ties* 1 the rank or



power of a king or queen 2 a royal person or persons 3 royal quality 4 a share of the proceeds from a patent, book, etc. paid to the owner, author, etc.

**rpm** *abbrev.* revolutions per minute

**rps** *abbrev.* revolutions per second

**RR** *abbrev.* 1 railroad 2 Rural Route: also R.R.

**RSV** *abbrev.* Revised Standard Version (of the Bible)

**R.S.V.P.** or **r.s.v.p.** *abbrev.* [Fr, for *répondez s'il vous plaît*] please reply: also **RSVP** or **rsvp**

**rte** *abbrev.* route

**rub** (rub) *vt.* rubbed, **rub'bing** [ME *rubben*] 1 to move (one's hand, a cloth, etc.) over (something) with pressure and friction 2 to apply (polish, etc.) in this way 3 to move (things) over each other with pressure and friction 4 to make sore by rubbing 5 to remove by rubbing (*out, off*, etc.) —*vi.* 1 to move with pressure and friction (*on*, etc.) 2 to rub something —*n.* 1 a rubbing 2 an obstacle, difficulty, or source of irritation —**rub down** 1 to massage 2 to smooth, polish, etc. by rubbing —**rub elbows with** to associate or mingle with: also **rub shoulders with** —**rub it in** [Slang] to keep reminding someone of his or her mistake —**rub the wrong way** to annoy

**ru·ba·to** (rōō bāt'ō) *adj., adv.* [It, stolen] *Music* intentionally and temporarily not in strict tempo

**rub·ber** (rub'ər) *n.* 1 one that rubs 2 [‹ orig. use as an eraser] an elastic substance made from the milky sap of various tropical plants or made synthetically 3 something made of this substance; specif., *a*) a low-cut overshoe *b*) [Slang] a condom —*adj.* made of rubber —**rub'ber-y** *adj.*

**rubber band** a narrow, continuous band of rubber as for holding small objects together

**rubber cement** an adhesive of unvulcanized rubber in a solvent that quickly evaporates when exposed to air

**rubber check** [from the notion that it "bounces": see **BOUNCE** (*vi.* 3)] [Slang] a check that is worthless because of insufficient funds in the writer's account

**rubber game** (rub'ər) [‹ ?] the deciding game in a series

**rub'ber·ize'** (-īz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to coat or impregnate with rubber

**rub'ber·neck'** *vi.* to look at things or gaze about in curiosity by stretching the neck or turning the head, as a sight-seer might do

**rubber plant** 1 any plant yielding latex 2 a house plant with large, glossy leaves

**rubber stamp** 1 a stamp of rubber, inked for printing dates, signatures, etc. 2 [Inf.] *a*) a person, bureau, etc. that gives routine or automatic approval *b*) such approval —**rub'ber-stamp'** *vt.*

**rub·bish** (rub'ish) *n.* [ME *robous*] 1 any material thrown away as worthless;

trash 2 nonsense

**rub·ble** (rub'al) *n.* [ME *robel*] rough, broken pieces of stone, brick, etc.

**rub'down'** *n.* a brisk rubbing of the body, as in massage

**rube** (rōōb) *n.* [‹ name *Reuben*] [Slang] an unsophisticated rustic

**ru·bel·la** (rōō bel'a) *n.* [‹ L *ruber*, red] an infectious disease causing small red spots on the skin; German measles

**Ru·bens** (rōō'bənz), Peter Paul 1577-1640; Fl. painter

**ru·bi·cund** (rōō'bə kund') *adj.* [‹ L *ruber*, red] reddish; ruddy

**ru·ble** (rōō'bəl) *n.* [Russ *rubl'*] the monetary unit of Russia, Belarus, & Tajikistan

**ru·bric** (rōō'brik) *n.* [‹ L *ruber*, red] 1 in early books, a section heading, letter, etc., often printed in red 2 any rule, explanatory comment, etc.

**ru·by** (rōō'bē) *n., pl. -bies* [ult. < L *rubeus*, reddish] 1 a clear, deep-red precious stone: a variety of corundum 2 deep red —*adj.* deep-red

**ruck·sack** (ruk'sak', rook'-) *n.* [Ger, back sack] a kind of knapsack

**ruck·us** (ruk'əs) *n.* [prob. merging of *RUMPUS* & *ruction*, uproar] [Inf.] noisy confusion; disturbance

**rud·der** (rud'ər) *n.* [OE *rother*] a broad, flat, movable piece hinged to the rear of a ship or aircraft, used for steering —**rud'der-less** *adj.*

**rud·dy** (rud'ē) *adj.* -di-er, -di-est [OE *rudig*] 1 having a healthy red color 2 reddish —**rud'di-ness** *n.*

**rude** (rōōd) *adj.* rud'er, rud'est [‹ L *rudis*] 1 crude; rough 2 uncouth 3 discourteous 4 unskillful —**rude'ly** *adv.* —**rude'ness** *n.*

**ru·di·ment** (rōō'də mənt) *n.* [see **RUDE**] [usually *pl.*] 1 a first principle as of a subject to be learned 2 a first slight beginning of something —**ru'di-men'ta-ry** (-men'tər ē) *adj.*

**rue**<sup>1</sup> (rōō) *vt., vi.* rued, ru'ing [OE *hreowan*] 1 to feel remorse for (a sin, fault, etc.) 2 to regret (an act, etc.) —*n.* [Archaic] sorrow —**rue'ful** *adj.* —**rue'ful-ly** *adv.*

**rue**<sup>2</sup> (rōō) *n.* [‹ Gr *rhytē*] a strong-scented shrub with bitter leaves



RUFF

**ruff** (ruf) *n.* [‹ **RUFFLE**] 1 a high, frilled starched collar of the 16th and 17th c. 2 a band of colored or protruding feathers or fur about an animal's neck

**ruf·fi·an** (ruf'ē ən) *n.* [‹ It *ruffiano*, a



**pimp** a rowdy or hoodlum

**ruf·fle** (ruf'al) *vt.* -fled, -fling [*< ON or LowG*] 1 to disturb the smoothness of 2 to make (feathers, etc.) stand up 3 to disturb or annoy —*vi.* to become uneven —*n.* a strip of cloth, lace, etc. gathered along one edge, used as a trimming

**rug** (rug) *n.* [*< Scand*] a piece of thick fabric used as a floor covering

**rug·by** (rug'bē) *n.* [first played at Rugby School in England] a game from which American football developed

**rug·ged** (rug'id) *adj.* [ME] 1 uneven; rough 2 severe; harsh 3 not refined 4 strong; robust —**rug'ged·ly** *adv.* —**rug'ged·ness** *n.*

**Ruhr** (roor) 1 river in WC Germany, flowing into the Rhine 2 major coal-mining & industrial region along this river: also called Ruhr Basin

**ru·in** (rōō'an) *n.* [*< L ruere, to fall*] 1 [*pl.*] the remains of something destroyed, decayed, etc. 2 anything destroyed, etc. 3 downfall, destruction, etc. 4 anything causing this —*vt.* to bring to ruin; destroy, spoil, bankrupt, etc. —**ru'in·a'tion** *n.* —**ru'in·ous** *adj.*

**rule** (rōol) *n.* [*< L regere, to rule*] 1 an established regulation or guide for conduct, procedure, usage, etc. 2 custom 3 the customary course 4 government; reign 5 RULER (sense 2) —*vt., vi.* ruled, **rul'ing** 1 to have an influence (over); guide 2 to govern 3 to determine officially 4 to mark lines (on) as with a ruler —as a rule usually —**rule out** to exclude

**rule of thumb** a practical, though imprecise or unscientific, method

**rul'er** *n.* 1 one who governs 2 a strip of wood, etc. with a straight edge, used in drawing lines, measuring length, etc.

**rul'ing** *adj.* that rules —*n.* an official decision, as of a court

**rum** (rum) *n.* [*< ?*] 1 an alcoholic liquor distilled from fermented sugar cane, etc. 2 any alcoholic liquor

**Ru·ma·ni·a** (rōō mā'nē ə) *var. of ROMANIA* —**Ru·ma'ni·an** *adj., n.*

**rum·ba** (room'bə, rum'-) *n.* [AmSp] a dance of Cuban origin, or music for it —*vi.* to dance the rumba

**rum·ble** (rum'bəl) *vi., vt.* -bled, -bling [ME *romblen*] 1 to make or cause to make a continuous deep, rolling sound 2 to move with such a sound —*n.* 1 a rumbling sound 2 [Slang] a fight between teenage gangs

**ru·mi·nant** (rōō'mə nənt) *adj.* [see RUMINATE] 1 of or belonging to the group of cud-chewing animals 2 meditative —*n.* any of a group of cud-chewing mammals, as cattle, deer, or camels, having a stomach with three or four chambers

**ru'mi·nate'** (-nāt') *vi.* -nat'ed, -nat'ing [*< L ruminare*] 1 to chew a cud 2 to meditate —**ru'mi·na'tion** *n.*

**rum·mage** (rum'ij) *n.* [*< Fr rum, ship's hold*] 1 odds and ends 2 a rummaging —*vt., vi.* -maged, -mag'ing to search through (a place, etc.) thoroughly

**rummage sale** a sale of contributed miscellaneous articles, as for charity

**rum·my** (rum'ē) *n.* [*< ?*] a card game in

which the object is to match cards into sets and sequences

**ru·mor** (rōō'mər) *n.* [L, noise] 1 general talk not based on definite knowledge 2 an unconfirmed report, story, etc. in general circulation —*vt.* to tell or spread by rumor Brit. sp. **ru'mour**

**rump** (rump) *n.* [*< ON rumpr*] 1 the hind part of an animal, where the legs and back join 2 the buttocks

**rum·ple** (rum'pəl) *n.* [*< MDu rompe*] an uneven crease; wrinkle —*vt., vi.* -pled, -pling to wrinkle; muss

**rum·pus** (rum'pəs) *n.* [*< ?*] [Inf.] an uproar or commotion

**run** (run) *vi.* ran, run, run'ning [*< ON & OE*] 1 to go by moving the legs faster than in walking 2 to go, move, etc. easily and freely 3 to flee 4 to make a quick trip (*up to, down to, etc.*) 5 to compete in a race, election, etc. 6 to ply between two points: said as of a train 7 to climb or creep, as a vine does 8 to ravel: said as of a stocking 9 to operate: said of a machine 10 to flow 11 to spread over cloth, etc. when moistened, as colors do 12 to discharge pus, etc. 13 to extend in time or space; continue 14 to pass into a specified condition, etc. [*to run into trouble*] 15 to be written, etc. in a specified way 16 to be at a specified size, price, etc. [*eggs run high*] —*vt.* 1 to follow (a specified course) 2 to perform as by running [*to run a race*] 3 to incur (a risk) 4 to get past [*to run a blockade*] 5 to cause to run, move, compete, etc. 6 to drive into a specified condition, place, etc. 7 to drive (an object) into or against something 8 to make flow in a specified way, place, etc. 9 to manage (a business, etc.) 10 to undergo (a fever, etc.) 11 to publish (a story, etc.) in a newspaper —*n.* 1 an act or period of running 2 the distance covered in running 3 a trip; journey 4 a route [*a delivery run*] 5 a) movement onward, progression, or trend [*the run of events*] b) a continuous period [*a run of good luck*] 6 a continuous course of performances, etc., as of a play 7 a continued series of demands, as on a bank 8 a brook 9 a kind or class; esp., the average kind 10 the output during a period of operation 11 an enclosed area for domestic animals 12 freedom to move about at will [*the run of the house*] 13 a large number of fish migrating together 14 a ravel, as in a stocking 15 *Baseball* a scoring point, made by a successful circuit of the bases —**in the long run** in the final outcome —**on the run** running or running away —**run across** to encounter by chance: also **run into** —**run down** 1 to stop operating 2 to run against so as to knock down 3 to pursue and capture or kill 4 to speak of disparagingly —**run out** to come to an end; expire —**run out of** to use up —**run over** 1 to ride over 2 to overflow 3 to examine, rehearse, etc. rapidly —**run through** 1 to use up quickly or recklessly 2 to pierce —**run up** 1 to raise, rise, or accumulate rapidly 2 to sew rapidly

**run'a·round'** *n.* [Inf.] a series of eva-



sions

**run'a-way'** *n.* 1 a fugitive 2 a horse, etc. that runs away —*adj.* 1 escaping, fleeing, etc. 2 easily won: said as of a race 3 rising rapidly: said as of prices

**run'down'** *n.* a concise summary

**run'-down'** *adj.* 1 not wound and therefore not running, as a watch 2 in poor physical condition, as from overwork 3 fallen into disrepair

**rune** (rōn) *n.* [OE *run*] 1 any of the characters of an ancient Germanic alphabet 2 [often *pl.*] writing in these characters

**rung**<sup>1</sup> (run) *n.* [OE *hrung*, staff] a rod or bar forming a step of a ladder, a cross-piece on a chair, etc.

**rung**<sup>2</sup> (run) *vi., vt. pp. of RING<sup>1</sup>*

**run'-in'** *n.* [Inf.] a quarrel, fight, etc.

**run-nel** (run'əl) *n.* [OE *rynel*] a small stream

**run'ner** *n.* 1 *a)* one that runs, as a racer *b)* a messenger, etc. *c)* a smuggler 2 a long, narrow cloth or rug 3 a ravel, as in hosiery 4 a long, trailing stem, as of a strawberry 5 either of the long, narrow pieces on which a sled, etc. slides

**run'ner-up'** *n., pl. -ners-up'* a person or team that finishes second, etc. in a contest

**run'ning** *n.* the act of one that runs; racing, managing, etc. —*adj.* 1 that runs (in various senses) 2 measured in a straight line 3 continuous [a *running* commentary] 4 current or concurrent —*adv.* in succession [for five days *running*] —*in* (or *out of*) *the running* having a (or no) chance to win

**running back** *Football* an offensive back, responsible primarily for rushing the ball

**running lights** the lights that a ship or aircraft must display at night

**running mate** the candidate for the lesser of two closely associated offices, as for the vice-presidency

**run'ny** *adj. -ni-er, -ni-est* 1 flowing, esp. too freely 2 discharging mucus [a *runny* nose]

**run'off'** *n.* 1 something that runs off, as rain that is not absorbed into the ground 2 a deciding, final contest

**run'-of-the-mill'** *adj.* ordinary; average

**runt** (runt) *n.* [< ?] 1 a stunted animal, plant, or (contemptuously) person 2 the smallest animal of a litter —*runt'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.*

**run'-through'** *n.* a complete rehearsal, from beginning to end

**run'way'** *n.* a channel, track, etc. in, on, or along which something moves; esp., *a)* a strip of leveled ground for use by airplanes in taking off and landing *b)* a narrow platform extending from a stage into the audience

**ru-pee** (rōō'pē, rōō pē') *n.* [< Sans *rūpyah*, wrought silver] the monetary unit of India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, etc.

**rup-ture** (rup'chər) *n.* [< L *rumpere*, to break] 1 a breaking apart or being broken apart; breach 2 a hernia —*vt., vi.*

*-tured, -tur-ing* to cause or suffer a rupture

**ru·ral** (rūr'əl) *adj.* [< L *rus*, the country] of, like, or living in the country; rustic —*ru'ral-ism'* *n.*

**ruse** (rōōz) *n.* [< OFr *reuser*, deceive] a stratagem, trick, or artifice

**rush**<sup>1</sup> (rush) *vi., vt.* [< Fr *ruser*, repel] 1 to move, push, drive, etc. swiftly or impetuously 2 to make a sudden attack (*on*) 3 to pass, go, send, act, do, etc. with unusual haste; hurry 4 *Football* to run with (the ball) on a running play —*n.* 1 a rushing 2 an eager movement of many people to get to a place 3 busyness; haste [the *rush* of modern life] 4 a press, as of business, necessitating unusual haste 5 [Slang] a sudden thrill, etc.

**rush**<sup>2</sup> (rush) *n.* [OE *risc*] a grasslike marsh plant with round stems used in making mats, etc.

**rush hour** a time of the day when business, traffic, etc. is heavy

**rusk** (rusk) *n.* [Sp *rosca*, twisted bread roll] 1 sweet, raised bread or cake toasted until browned and crisp 2 a piece of this

**Russ** *abbrev.* 1 Russia 2 Russian

**rus-set** (rus'it) *n.* [< L *russus*, reddish] 1 yellowish brown or reddish brown 2 a winter apple with a mottled skin

**Rus-sia** (rush'ə) 1 former empire (1547-1917) in E Europe & N Asia: in full Russian Empire 2 loosely, the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS 3 country in E Europe and N Asia, stretching from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific: formerly a republic of the U.S.S.R.: 6,592,844 sq. mi.; pop. 148,022,000

**Rus-sian** (rush'an) *adj.* of Russia or its people, language, etc. —*n.* 1 a person born or living in Russia 2 the East Slavic language of the Russians

**rust** (rust) *n.* [OE] 1 the reddish-brown coating on iron or steel caused by oxidation during exposure to air and moisture 2 any stain resembling this 3 a reddish brown 4 a plant disease causing spotted stems and leaves —*vi., vt.* 1 to form rust (*on*) 2 to deteriorate, as through disuse

**rus-tic** (rus'tik) *adj.* [< L *rus*, the country] 1 rural 2 simple or artless 3 rough or uncouth —*n.* a country person —*rus'ti-cal-ly* *adv.*

**rus-ti-cate** (rus'tə kāt') *vi., vt. -cat'ed, -cat'ing* 1 to go or send to live in the country 2 to become or make rustic —*rus'ti-ca'tion* *n.*

**rus-tle**<sup>1</sup> (rus'əl) *vi., vt. -tled, -tling* [ult. echoic] to make or cause to make soft sounds, as of moving leaves, etc. —*n.* a series of such sounds

**rus-tle**<sup>2</sup> (rus'əl) [Inf.] *vi., vt. -tled, -tling* [< ?] to steal (cattle, etc.) —*rustle up* to gather together —*rustler* *n.*

**rust'proof'** *vt., adj.* (make) resistant to rust

**rust-y** (rus'tē) *adj. -i-er, -i-est* 1 coated with rust, as a metal 2 *a)* impaired by disuse, neglect, etc. *b)* having lost facility through lack of practice —*rust'i-ly* *adv.* —*rust'i-ness* *n.*



**rut**<sup>1</sup> (rut) *n.* [**< ? Fr route, route**] 1 a groove, track, etc., as made by wheels 2 a fixed, routine course of action, thought, etc. —**vt.** rut'ted, rut'ting to make ruts in —**rut'ty, -ti-er, -ti-est, adj.**

**rut**<sup>2</sup> (rut) *n.* [**< L rugire, to roar**] the periodic sexual excitement of certain male mammals —**vi.** rut'ted, rut'ting to be in rut —**rut'tish adj.**

**ru-ta-ba-ga** (rōt'ə bā'gə) *n.* [**Swed dial. rotabagge**] 1 a turniplike plant with a large, yellow root 2 this root

**Ruth**<sup>1</sup> (rōth) *n.* *Bible* a woman devoted to her mother-in-law, for whom she left her own people

**Ruth**<sup>2</sup> (rōth), **Babe** (bāb) (born *George Herman Ruth*) 1895-1948; U.S. baseball player

**ruth'less** (-lis) *adj.* [**OE hreowan, to**

**rue**] without pity or compassion —**ruth'less-ly adv.** —**ruth'less-ness n.**

**RV** *n., pl. RVs* [**R(ecreational) V(ehicle)**] a camper, trailer, motor home, etc. outfitted for living in

**Rwan-da** (rō ān'də) country in EC Africa, east of Democratic Republic of the Congo: 10,169 sq. mi.; pop. 7,165,000

**Rwy** or **Ry** *abbrev.* Railway

**Rx** *symbol* PRESCRIPTION (sense 2)

**-ry** (rē) *suffix* -ERY [**foundry**]

**rye** (rī) *n.* [**OE ryge**] 1 a hardy cereal grass 2 its grain or seeds, used for making flour, etc. 3 whiskey distilled from this grain

# S

**s**<sup>1</sup> or **S** (es) *n., pl. s's, S's* the 19th letter of the English alphabet —**adj.** shaped like S

**s**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 second(s) 2 shilling(s)

**S**<sup>1</sup> *abbrev.* 1 Saturday 2 small 3 south 4 southern 5 Sunday

**S**<sup>2</sup> *Chem. symbol* for sulfur

**-s** [**alt. of -ES**] *suffix* 1 forming the plural of most nouns [*hips*] 2 forming the 3d pers. sing., pres. indic., of certain verbs [*shouts*]

**-s**<sup>1</sup> [**OE**] *suffix* forming the possessive singular of nouns and some pronouns, and the possessive plural of nouns not ending in s [*boy's, men's*]

**-s**<sup>2</sup> *suffix* 1 is [*he's a sailor*] 2 has [*she's asked them both*] 3 [*Inf.*] does [*what's it matter?*] 4 us [*let's go*]

**SA** South America

**Saar** (sär, zär) rich coal-mining region in a river valley of SW Germany: also called Saar Basin

**Sab-bath** (sab'əth) *n.* [**< Heb shabat, to rest**] 1 the seventh day of the week (Saturday), set aside in Jewish scripture for rest and worship 2 Sunday as the usual Christian day of rest and worship

**Sab-bat-i-cal** (sə bat'i kəl) *adj.* 1 of the Sabbath 2 [*s-*] bringing a period of rest —*n.* [*s-*] SABBATICAL LEAVE

**sabbatical leave** [**orig.** given every seven years] a period of absence with pay, for study, travel, etc., given as to teachers: also **sabbatical year**

**sa-ber** (sā'bər) *n.* [**< Hung szab'ya**] a heavy cavalry sword with a slightly curved blade: also **sa'bre**

**Sa-bin vaccine** (sā'bin) [**after Dr. A. B. Sabin** (1906-93), its U.S. developer] a polio vaccine taken orally

**sa-ble** (sā'bəl) *n.* [**< Russ sobol'**] 1 any marten 2 its costly fur pelt —**adj.** black or dark brown

**sa-bot** (sa bō', sab'ō) *n.* [**Fr, ult. < Ar sabbāt, sandal**] a shoe shaped from a single piece of wood

**sab-o-tage** (sab'ə tāzh') *n.* [**Fr < sabot,**

wooden shoe + **-AGE**: from damage done to machinery by sabots] deliberate destruction or obstruction, as of railroads, bridges, etc. by enemy agents —**vt., vi.** -taged', -tag'ing to commit sabotage (on) —**sab'o-teur'** (-tər') *n.*

**sa-bra** (sā'brə) *n.* [**Heb sabra, a native cactus fruit**] [**sometimes S-**] a native-born Israeli

**sabre saw** a portable electric saw with a narrow, oscillating blade

**sac** (sak) *n.* [**see SACK**<sup>1</sup>] a pouchlike part in a plant or animal

**sac·cha·rin** (sak'ə rin') *n.* [**< Gr sakcharon**] a white, crystalline coal-tar compound used as a sugar substitute

**sac'cha-rine'** (-rin') *adj.* 1 of or like sugar 2 too sweet [*a saccharine voice*]

**sac·er·do·tal** (sas'ər dōt'əl; *occas.* sak'-) *adj.* [**< L sacerdos, priest**] of priests or the office of priest

**sa-chem** (sā'chəm) *n.* [**AmInd**] among some North American Indian tribes, the chief

**sa-chet** (sa shā') *n.* [**Fr**] a small perfumed packet used to scent clothes

**sack**<sup>1</sup> (sak) *n.* [**ult. < Heb saq**] 1 a bag, esp. a large one of coarse cloth 2 [**Slang**] dismissal from a job: with *the* 3 *Football* a sacking of a quarterback —**vt.** 1 to put into sacks 2 [**Slang**] to fire (a person) 3 *Football* to tackle (a quarterback) behind the line of scrimmage —**hit the sack** [**Slang**] to go to bed: also **sack out**

**sack**<sup>2</sup> (sak) *n.* [**see prec.**] the plundering of a city, etc. —**vt.** to plunder

**sack**<sup>3</sup> (sak) *n.* [**< Fr (vin)sec, dry (wine) < L**] a dry, white Spanish wine popular in England during the 16th and 17th c.

**sack'cloth'** *n.* 1 SACKING 2 [**Historical**] coarse cloth worn as a symbol of mourning

**sack'ing** *n.* a cheap, coarse cloth used for sacks

**sac-ra-ment** (sak'rə mənt) *n.* [**< L sacer, holy**] any of certain Christian rites, as baptism, the Eucharist, etc. —**sac'ra-**



men'tal (-ment'l) *adj.*

**Sac-ra-men-to** (sak'rə men'tō) capital of California: pop. 369,000

**sa-cred** (sā'krid) *adj.* [*< L sacer, holy*] 1 consecrated to a god or God; holy 2 having to do with religion 3 venerated; hallowed 4 inviolate —**sa'cred-ly** *adv.* —**sa'cred-ness** *n.*

**sac-ri-fice** (sak'rə fis') *n.* [*< L sacrificium < sacer, sacred + facere, make*] 1 an offering, as of a life or object, to a deity 2 a giving up of one thing for the sake of another —*vt., vi. -ficed', -fic'ing* 1 to offer as a sacrifice to a deity 2 to give up one thing for the sake of another 3 to sell at less than the supposed value —**sac'ri-fi'cial** (-fish'əl) *adj.*

**sac-ri-lege** (sak'rə lij) *n.* [*< L sacer, sacred + legere, take away*] desecration of what is sacred —**sac'ri-le'gious** (-lij'əs, -lē'jəs) *adj.*

**sac-ris-tan** (sak'ris tən) *n.* a person in charge of a sacristy

**sac'ris-ty** (-tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*ult. < L sacer, sacred*] a room in a church for sacred vessels, etc.

**sac-ro-il-i-ac** (sak'rō il'ē ak', sā'krō-) *n.* [*ModL, ult. < L sacrum, bone at bottom of spine + ileum, flank, groin*] the joint between the top part of the hipbone and the fused bottom vertebrae

**sac-ro-sanct** (sak'rō san'kt') *adj.* [*< L sacer, sacred + sanctus, holy*] very sacred; holy, or inviolable

**sad** (sad) *adj.* **sad'der, sad'dest** [*OE sæd, sated*] 1 having or expressing low spirits; unhappy; sorrowful 2 causing dejection, sorrow, etc. 3 [*Inf.*] very bad; deplorable —**sad'ly** *adv.* —**sad'ness** *n.*

**sad'den** *vt., vi.* to make or become sad

**sad-dle** (sad'l) *n.* [*OE sadol*] 1 a seat for a rider on a horse, bicycle, etc., usually padded and of leather 2 a cut of lamb, etc., including part of the backbone and the two loins —*vt. -dled, -dling* 1 to put a saddle upon 2 to encumber or burden —**in the saddle** in control

**sad'dle-bag** *n.* 1 a bag hung behind the saddle of a horse, etc. 2 a bag carried on a bicycle, etc.

**saddle horse** a horse for riding

**saddle shoes** white oxford shoes with a contrasting band across the instep

**Sad-du-cee** (saj'oo sē') *n.* a member of an ancient Jewish party that accepted only the written law

**sad-ism** (sā'diz'əm, sad'iz'əm) *n.* [*after Marquis de Sade (1740-1814), Fr writer*] the getting of pleasure from mistreating others —**sad'ist** *n.* —**sa-dis'tic** *adj.* —**sa-dis'ti-cal-ly** *adv.*

**sad-o-mas-o-chism** (sā'dō mas'ə kiz'əm, sād'ō-) *n.* the getting of sexual pleasure from sadism or masochism, or both —**sad'o-mas'o-chist** *n.* —**sad'o-mas'o-chis'tic** *adj.*

**sa-fa-ri** (sə fār'ē) *n., pl. -ris* [*< Ar safar, to journey*] a journey or hunting expedition, esp. in Africa

**safe** (sāf) *adj.* **saf'er, saf'est** [*< L salvus*] 1 *a)* free from damage, danger, etc.; secure *b)* having escaped injury;

unharmed 2 *a)* giving protection *b)* trustworthy —*n.* a locking metal container for valuables —**safe'ly** *adv.* —**safe'ness** *n.*

**safe'-con'duct** *n.* permission to travel safely through enemy regions

**safe'-de-pos'it** *adj.* designating or of a box or vault, as in a bank, for storing valuables: also **safe'ty-de-pos'it**

**safe'guard** *n.* a protection; precaution —*vt.* to protect or guard

**safe house** a house, etc. used as a refuge or hiding place, as by an underground organization

**safe'keep'ing** *n.* protection or custody

**safe sex** sexual activity incorporating practices, as condom use; that reduce the risk of spreading sexually transmitted diseases

**safe-ty** (sāf'tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 a being safe; security 2 any device for preventing an accident 3 **Football** *a)* a grounding of the ball by the offense behind its own goal line; that scores two points for the defense *b)* a defensive back responsible for covering pass receivers in the middle of the field —*adj.* giving safety

**safety glass** shatterproof glass

**safety match** a match that lights when struck on a prepared surface

**safety net** 1 a net suspended as beneath aerialists 2 any protection against failure or loss

**safety pin** a pin bent back on itself and having the point held in a guard

**safety razor** a razor with a detachable blade held between guards

**safety valve** 1 an automatic valve that releases steam if the pressure in a boiler, etc. becomes excessive 2 any outlet for the release of strong emotion, etc.

**saf-flow-er** (saf'lou'ər) *n.* [*ult. < Ar asfar, yellow*] a thistlelike, annual plant with large, orange flowers and seeds yielding an edible oil

**saf-fron** (saf'rən) *n.* [*< Ar za'farān*] 1 a plant having orange stigmas 2 the dried stigmas, used as a dye and flavoring 3 orange yellow

**sag** (sag) *vi.* **sagged, sag'ging** [*prob. < Scand*] 1 to sink, esp. in the middle, from weight or pressure 2 to hang down unevenly 3 to weaken through weariness, age, etc. —*n.* 1 a sagging 2 a sagging place —**sag'gy, -gi-er, -gi-est, adj.**

**sa-ga** (sā'gə) *n.* [*ON, a tale*] 1 a medieval Scandinavian story relating the legendary history of a family 2 any long story of heroic deeds

**sa-ga-cious** (sə gā'shəs) *adj.* [*< L sagax, wise*] very wise; shrewd —**sa-gac'i-ty** (-gas'ə tē) *n.*

**sage**<sup>1</sup> (sāj) *adj.* **sag'er, sag'est** [*ult. < L sapere, know*] 1 wise, discerning, etc. 2 showing wisdom —*n.* a very wise man

**sage**<sup>2</sup> (sāj) *n.* [*< L salvus, safe: from its reputed healing powers*] 1 a plant of the mint family with leaves used for seasoning meats, etc. 2 SAGEBRUSH

**sage'brush** *n.* a plant with aromatic leaves, in the dry areas of the W U.S.

**Sag-it-tar-i-us** (saj'ə ter'ē əs) *n.* [*L,*



archer] the ninth sign of the zodiac  
**sa·go** (sā'gō) *n.*, *pl.* -gos an edible starch from a Malayan palm tree, etc.

**sa·gua·ro** (sə gwär'ō) *n.*, *pl.* -ros [*<* native name] a giant cactus of the SW U.S. and N Mexico

**Sa·ha·ra** (sə har'ə) vast desert region extending across N Africa

**sa·hib** (sā'ib') *n.* [*Hindi < Ar*] sir; master: title used in colonial India when speaking to or of a European

**said** (sed) *vt.*, *vi.* *pt.* & *pp.* of SAY —*adj.* aforesaid

**Sai·gon** (sī gän') former name for HO CHI MINH CITY

**sail** (sāl) *n.* [*OE segl*] 1 a sheet, as of canvas, spread to catch the wind, so as to drive a vessel forward 2 sails collectively 3 a trip in a ship or boat 4 anything like a sail —*vi.* 1 to be moved forward by means of sails 2 to travel on water 3 to begin a trip by water 4 to manage a sailboat 5 to glide or move smoothly 6 [*Inf.*] to move quickly —*vt.* 1 to move upon (a body of water) in a vessel 2 to manage or navigate (a vessel) —*set* (or *make*) sail to begin a trip by water —*under sail* sailing

**sail'board'** *n.* a board used in windsurfing

**sail'boat'** *n.* a boat propelled by a sail or sails

**sail'cloth'** *n.* canvas or other cloth for making sails, tents, etc.



SAILFISH

**sail'fish'** *n.*, *pl.* -fish' or (for different species) -fish'es a large marine fish with a sail-like dorsal fin

**sail'or** *n.* 1 a person whose work is sailing 2 an enlisted person in the navy

**sail'plane'** *n.* a light glider

**saint** (sānt) *n.* [*< L sanctus*, holy] 1 a holy person 2 a person who is exceptionally charitable, patient, etc. 3 in certain Christian churches, a person officially recognized for having attained heaven after an exceptionally holy life —*saint'li-ness* *n.* —*saint'ly*, -li-er, -li-est, *adj.*

**Saint Ber·nard** (bər nārd') a large dog of a breed once used to rescue travelers lost in the snow

**Saint Nich·o·las** (nik'ə ləs) SANTA CLAUS: also Saint Nick

**Saint Pat·rick's Day** (pa'triks) March 17, observed by the Irish in honor of the

patron saint of Ireland

**Saint Valentine's Day** February 14, observed in honor of a martyr of the 3d c. and as a day for sending valentines

**saith** (seth) *vt.*, *vi.* [*Archaic*] says

**sake**<sup>1</sup> (sāk) *n.* [*OE sacu*, suit at law] 1 motive; cause [for the sake of money] 2 behalf [for my sake]

**sa·ke**<sup>2</sup> (sā'kē) *n.* [*Jpn*] a Japanese alcoholic beverage made from rice: also sp. sa'ki

**sa·laam** (sə lām') *n.* [*Ar salām*, peace] in India and the Near East, a greeting, etc. made by bowing low in respect or obeisance

**sal·a·ble** (sāl'ə bəl) *adj.* that can be sold; marketable: also sp. sale'a·ble

**sa·la·cious** (sə lā'shəs) *adj.* [*< L salire*, to leap] 1 lustful 2 obscene —*sa·la'cious·ly* *adv.* —*sa·la'cious·ness* *n.*

**sal·ad** (sal'əd) *n.* [*< L sal*, salt] a dish, usually cold, of fruits, vegetables (esp. lettuce), meat, eggs, etc. usually mixed with salad dressing

**salad bar** a buffet in a restaurant, at which diners make their own salads

**salad dressing** oil, vinegar, spices, etc. put on a salad

**sa·lade niçoise** (sal'əd nē swāz') a salad of tuna, tomatoes, etc. with a garlic vinaigrette

**sal·a·man·der** (sal'ə man'dər) *n.* [*< Gr salamandra*] 1 a mythological reptile said to live in fire 2 an amphibian with a tail and soft, moist skin

**sa·la·mi** (sə lā'mē) *n.* [*It < L sal*, salt] a spiced, salted sausage

**sal·a·ry** (sal'ə rē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries [*< L salarium*, orig. part of a soldier's pay for buying salt *< sal*, salt] a fixed payment at regular intervals for work —*sal'a·ried* (-rēd) *adj.*

**sale** (sāl) *n.* [*< ON sala*] 1 a selling 2 opportunity to sell; market 3 an auction 4 a special offering of goods at reduced prices 5 [*pl.*] receipts in business 6 [*pl.*] the work of, or a department involved in, selling [a job in sales] —*for sale* to be sold —*on sale* for sale, esp. at a reduced price

**Sa·lem** (sā'ləm) capital of Oregon, in the NW part: pop. 108,000

**sales·clerk** (sälz'klɜrk') *n.* a person employed to sell goods in a store

**sales'girl'** *n.* a girl or woman salesclerk

**sales'la'dy** *n.*, *pl.* -dies [*Inf.*] a woman employed as a salesclerk

**sales'man** (-mən) *n.*, *pl.* -men (-mən) 1 a man employed as a salesclerk 2 SALES REPRESENTATIVE

**sales'man·ship'** *n.* the skill of selling

**sales'per·son** *n.*, *pl.* -peo·ple a person employed to sell goods or services

**sales representative** a salesperson, esp. one employed as a traveling agent for a manufacturer, etc.

**sales slip** a receipt or bill of sale

**sales tax** a tax on sales

**sales'wom'an** *n.*, *pl.* -wom'en a woman salesclerk or sales representative

**sal·i·cyl·ic acid** (sal'ə sil'ik) [*< L salix*,



willow] a crystalline compound used to make aspirin, etc.

**sa·lient** (sāl'yənt) *adj.* [*< L salire, to leap*] 1 pointing outward; jutting 2 conspicuous; prominent —*n.* a salient angle, part, etc. —**sa'lience** *n.*

**sa·line** (sā'lēn', -līn') *adj.* [*< L sal, salt*] of, like, or containing salt —*n.* a saline solution used in medicine, etc. —**sa·lin·i·ty** (sə līn'ə tē) *n.*

**sa·li·va** (sə lī'və) *n.* [*L*] the watery fluid secreted by glands in the mouth: it aids in digestion —**sal·i·var·y** (sal'ə ver'ē) *adj.*

**sal·i·vate** (sal'ə vāt') *vi.* -vat'ed, -vat'ing [*< L salivare*] to secrete saliva —**sal'i·va'tion** *n.*

**sal·low** (sal'ō) *adj.* [*ME salou*] of a sickly, pale-yellowish complexion

**sal·ly** (sal'ē) *n., pl. -lies* [*< L salire, to leap*] 1 a sudden rushing forth, as to attack 2 a witty remark; quip 3 an excursion —*vi.* -lied, -ly·ing to rush or set (forth or out) on a sally

**salm·on** (sam'ən) *n., pl. -on or -ons* [*< L salmo*] 1 a game and food fish with yellowish pink flesh, that lives in salt water and spawns in fresh water 2 yellowish pink: also salmon pink

**sal·mo·nel·la** (sal'mə nel'ə) *n., pl. -nel'lae* (-ē), -nel'la, or -nel'las [*after D. E. Salmon (1850-1914), U.S. doctor*] any of a genus of bacilli that cause typhoid fever, food poisoning, etc.

**sa·lon** (sə lān') *n.* [*Fr: see fol.*] 1 a large reception hall or drawing room 2 a regular gathering of distinguished guests 3 a shop furnished to provide some personal service [*beauty salon*]

**sa·loon** (sə lōon') *n.* [*< Fr < It sala*] 1 any large room or hall for receptions, etc. 2 [*Old-fashioned*] a place where alcoholic drinks are sold; bar

**sal·sa** (sāl'sə) *n.* [*AmSp, sauce < L, salted food*] 1 a kind of Latin American dance music usually played at fast tempos 2 a hot sauce made with chilies, tomatoes, etc.

**salt** (sôlt) *n.* [*OE sealt*] 1 a white, crystalline substance, sodium chloride, found in natural beds, in sea water, etc., and used for seasoning food, etc. 2 a chemical compound derived from an acid by replacing hydrogen with a metal 3 piquancy; esp., pungent wit 4 [*pl.*] mineral salts used as a cathartic or restorative 5 [*Inf.*] a sailor —*adj.* containing, preserved with, or tasting of salt —*vt.* to sprinkle, season, or preserve with salt —**salt away** [*Inf.*] to store or save (money, etc.) —**salt of the earth** any person or persons regarded as the finest, etc. —**with a grain of salt** with allowance for exaggeration, etc.; skeptically —**salt'ed** *adj.*

**salt'cel'lar** (-sel'ər) *n.* [*< prec. + Fr salière, saltcellar*] 1 a small dish for holding salt 2 a saltshaker

**salt·ine** (sôl tēn') *n.* [*SALT + -INE<sup>3</sup>*] a flat, crisp, salted cracker

**Salt Lake City** capital of Utah: pop. 160,000

**salt lick** a natural deposit or a block of

rock salt which animals lick

**salt'pe'ter** (-pēt'ər) *n.* [*< L sal, salt + petra, rock*] NITER

**salt pork** pork cured in salt

**salt'shak'er** *n.* a container for salt, with a perforated top

**salt'wa'ter** *adj.* of salt water or the sea

**salt'y** *adj.* -i·er, -i·est 1 of or having salt 2 suggesting the sea 3 a) sharp; witty b) coarse c) cross or caustic

**sa·lu·bri·ous** (sə lōō'brē əs) *adj.* [*< L salus, health*] healthful; wholesome

**sal·u·tar·y** (sal'yō ter'ē) *adj.* [*see prec.*] 1 healthful 2 beneficial

**sal·u·ta·tion** (sal'yō tā'shən) *n.* [*see fol.*] 1 the act of greeting, addressing, etc. 2 a form of greeting, as the "Dear Sir" of a letter

**sa·lute** (sə lōōt') *vt., vi.* -lut'ed, -lut'ing [*< L salus, health*] 1 to greet with friendly words or ceremonial gesture 2 to honor by performing a prescribed act, such as raising the right hand to the head, in military and naval practice 3 to praise; commend —*n.* an act or remark made in saluting

**sal·vage** (sal'vij) *n.* [*see SAVE<sup>1</sup>*] 1 a) the rescue of a ship and cargo from shipwreck, etc. b) compensation paid for such rescue 2 a) the rescue of any property from destruction or waste b) the property saved —*vt.* -vaged, -vag·ing to save or rescue from shipwreck, fire, etc.

**sal·va·tion** (sal vā'shən) *n.* [*< L salvare, save*] 1 a saving or being saved 2 a person or thing that saves 3 *Theol.* deliverance from sin and from the penalties of sin; redemption

**salve** (sav) *n.* [*OE sealf*] 1 any soothing or healing ointment for wounds, burns, etc. 2 anything that soothes —*vt.* salved, salv'ing to soothe

**sal·ver** (sal'vər) *n.* [*ult. < L salvare, save*] a tray

**sal·vo** (sal'vō) *n., pl. -vos or -voes* [*< It < L salve, hail!*] a discharge of a number of guns, in salute or at a target

**SAM** (sam) *n.* surface-to-air missile

**sam·ba** (sam'bə, sām'-) *n.* [*Port*] a Brazilian dance of African origin, or music for it

**same** (sām) *adj.* [*< ON samr*] 1 being the very one; identical 2 alike in kind, quality, amount, etc. 3 unchanged [*to keep the same look*]; 4 before-mentioned Usually used with *the* —*pron.* the same person or thing —*adv.* in like manner: usually with *the* —**same'ness** *n.*

**sam·iz·dat** (sām'iz dāt') *n.* [*Russ, self-published*] in the U.S.S.R., a system by which writings officially disapproved of were circulated secretly

**Sa·mo·a** (sə mō'ə) country in the SW Pacific, consisting of two large islands & several small ones: 1,093 sq. mi.; pop. 160,000 —**Sa·mo'an** *adj., n.*

**sam·o·var** (sam'ə vār') *n.* a Russian metal urn with a spigot, for heating water in making tea

**sam·pan** (sam'pan') *n.* [*< Chin dial.*] a small boat used in China and Japan, rowed with a scull from the stern



**sam·ple** (sam'pəl) *n.* [see EXAMPLE] 1 a part or item taken as representative of a whole thing, group, etc.; specimen 2 an example —*vt.* -pled, -pling to take (and test) a sample of

**sam'pler** (-plər) *n.* 1 one who samples 2 a collection of representative selections 3 a cloth embroidered with designs, mottoes, etc. in different stitches

**Sam·son** (sam'sən) *n.* Bible an Israelite noted for his great strength

**Sam·u·el** (sam'yoo əl) *n.* Bible a Hebrew leader and prophet

**sam·u·rai** (sam'ə ri') *n., pl. -rai* [Jpn] a member of a military class in feudal Japan

**San An·to·ni·o** (san' an tō'nē ō') city in SC Texas: site of the Alamo: pop. 935,000

**san·a·to·ri·um** (san'ə tōr'ē əm) *n., pl. -ri-ums or -ri-a* (-ə) chiefly Brit. var. of SANITARIUM

**San Ber·nar·di·no** (bər'nər dē'nō, -nə-) city in S California: pop. 164,000

**sanc·ti·fy** (sank'tə fī') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [see SAINT & -FY] 1 to set apart as holy; consecrate 2 to make free from sin —**sanc'ti-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**sanc·ti·mo·ni·ous** (sank'tə mō'nē əs) *adj.* pretending to be pious —**sanc'ti-mo'ni-ous-ly** *adv.*

**sanc'ti·mo'ny** *n.* [sanctus, holy] pretended piety

**sanc·tion** (sank'shən) *n.* [see SAINT] 1 authorization 2 support; approval 3 a coercive measure, as an official trade boycott against a nation defying international law: often used in *pl.* —*vt.* 1 to confirm; ratify 2 to authorize; permit

**sanc·ti·ty** (sank'tə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [sanctus, holy] 1 holiness 2 sacredness

**sanc·tu·ar·y** (sank'chō er'ē) *n., pl. -ies* [sanctus, sacred] 1 a holy place; specif., a) a church, temple, etc. b) a particularly holy place within a church or temple 2 a place of refuge or protection

**sanc·tum** (sank'təm) *n.* [L] 1 a sacred place 2 a private room where one is not to be disturbed

**sand** (sand) *n.* [OE] 1 loose, gritty grains of eroded rock, as on beaches, in deserts, etc. 2 [usually *pl.*] a tract of sand —*vt.* 1 to sprinkle with sand 2 to smooth or polish, as with sandpaper — **sand'er** *n.*

**san·dal** (san'dəl) *n.* [sandalon] 1 a shoe made of a sole fastened to the foot by straps 2 any of various low slippers or shoes

**san'dal·wood'** *n.* [ult. < Sans] 1 the hard, sweet-smelling wood at the core of certain Asiatic trees 2 such a tree



SANDALS

**sand'bag'** *n.* a bag filled with sand, used for ballast, protecting levees, etc. —*vt.* -bagged', -bag'ging 1 to put sandbags in or around 2 [Inf.] to force into doing something

**sand'bar'** *n.* a ridge of sand, as one formed in a river or along a shore: also sand bar or sand'bank'

**sand'blast'** *vt.* to clean with a current of air or steam carrying sand at a high velocity,

**sand'box'** *n.* a box containing sand for children to play in

**sand dollar** any of various flat, round, disklike echinoderms that live on sandy ocean beds

**S & H** *abbrev.* shipping and handling

**sand'hog'** *n.* a laborer in underground or underwater construction

**San Di·e·go** (san' dē ā'gō) seaport in S California: pop. 1,111,000

**S & L** *abbrev.* savings and loan (association)

**sand'lot'** *adj.* of or having to do with baseball played by amateurs, orig. on a sandy lot

**sand'man'** *n.* a mythical person supposed to make children sleepy by dusting sand in their eyes

**sand'pa'per** *n.* paper coated on one side with sand, used for smoothing and polishing —*vt.* to smooth or polish with sandpaper

**sand'pip'er** (-pī'pər) *n.* a small shorebird with a long, soft-tipped bill

**sand'stone'** *n.* a sedimentary rock composed of sand grains cemented together, as by silica

**sand'storm'** *n.* a windstorm in which large quantities of sand are blown about in the air

**sand trap** a hollow filled with sand, serving as a hazard on a golf course

**sand·wich** (sand'wich') *n.* [after 4th Earl of Sandwich (1718-92)] slices of bread with meat, cheese, etc. between them —*vt.* to place or squeeze between other persons, things, etc.

**sand·y** (san'dē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 of or like sand 2 pale reddish-yellow

**sane** (sān) *adj.* [L *sanus*, healthy] 1 mentally healthy; rational 2 sound; sensible —**sane'ly** *adv.*

**San Fran·cis·co** (san' frən sis'kō) seaport on the coast of central California: pop. 724,000

**San Francisco Bay** an inlet of the Pacific in WC California: the harbor of San Francisco

**sang** (səŋ) *vi., vt. alt. pt. of SING*

**sang·froid** (sən frwä') *n.* [Fr, lit., cold blood] cool self-possession or composure

**san·gri·a** (san grē'ə, səŋ-) *n.* [Sp < *sangre*, blood] an iced punch made with red wine, fruit juice, pieces of fruit, etc.

**san·gui·nar·y** (səŋ'gwi ner'ē) *adj.* [see fol.] 1 accompanied by much bloodshed 2 bloodthirsty

**san·guine** (səŋ'gwin) *adj.* [sanguis, blood] 1 of the color of blood; ruddy 2 cheerful; confident



**san-i-tar-i-um** (san'ə ter'ē əm) *n.*, *pl.* -i-ums or -i-a (-ə) [*ModL* < *L* *sanitas*, health] 1 a resort where people go to regain health 2 an institution for the care of invalids or convalescents

**san-i-tar-y** (san'ə ter'ē) *adj.* [*< L* *sanitas*, health] 1 of or bringing about health and healthful conditions 2 in a clean, healthy condition

**sanitary napkin** an absorbent pad worn by women during menstruation

**san-i-ta-tion** (san'ə tā'shən) *n.* 1 the science and practice of effecting hygienic conditions 2 drainage and disposal of sewage

**san-i-tize** (san'ə tīz') *vt.* -tized', -tiz'ing 1 to make sanitary 2 to free from anything considered undesirable, damaging, etc.

**san-i-ty** (san'ə tē) *n.* 1 the state of being sane 2 soundness of judgment

**San Jo-se** (san' hō zā') city in WC California: pop. 782,000

**San Juan** (san' hwän') seaport & capital of Puerto Rico: pop. 438,000

**sank** (sank) *vi.*, *vt.* *alt. pt. of* SINK

**San Ma-ri-no** (san' mə rē'nō) independent country within E Italy: 24 sq. mi.; pop. 24,000

**sans** (sanz; *Fr* sän) *prep.* [*Fr* < *L* *sine*] without

**San-skrit** (san'skrit') *n.* the classical literary language of ancient India: also **San'scrit**

**San-ta An-a**<sup>1</sup> (san'tə an'ə) hot desert wind from the east or northeast in S California

**San-ta An-a**<sup>2</sup> (san'tə an'ə) city in SW California: pop. 294,000

**San-ta Claus** (san'tə klôz') [*< Du* *Sant Nikolaas*, St. Nicholas] *Folklore* a fat, white-bearded, jolly old man in a red suit, who distributes gifts at Christmas

**San-ta Fe** (san'tə fā') capital of New Mexico: pop. 56,000

**San-ti-a-go** (sän'tē ä'gō, san'-) capital of Chile: pop. 4,100,000

**São Pau-lo** (sou' pou'loo) city in SE Brazil: pop. 8,491,000

**São To-mé and Prín-ci-pe** (tô me' and prin'sə pē') country off the W coast of Africa, comprising two islands (São Tomé and Príncipe): 387 sq. mi.; pop. 120,000

**sap**<sup>1</sup> (sap) *n.* [*OE* *sæp*] 1 the juice that circulates through a plant, bearing water, food, etc. 2 vigor; energy 3 [*Slang*] a fool —**sap'less** *adj.*

**sap**<sup>2</sup> (sap) *vt.* sapped, sap'ping [*< Fr* *sappe*, a hoe] 1 to dig beneath; undermine 2 to weaken

**sa-pi-ent** (sā'pē ənt) *adj.* [*< L* *sapere*, to taste, know] wise —**sa'pi-ence** *n.*

**sap-ling** (sap'lin) *n.* a young tree

**sap-phire** (saf'ir) *n.* [*< Sans* *śanipriya*] a precious stone of a clear, deep-blue corundum

**sap-py** (sap'ē) *adj.* -pi-er, -pi-est 1 full of sap; juicy 2 [*Slang*] foolish; silly —**sap'pi-ness** *n.*

**sap-ro-phyte** (sap'rə fit') *n.* [*< Gr* *sapros*, rotten + *phyton*, a plant] any

plant that lives on dead or decaying organic matter, as some fungi —**sap'ro-phyt'ic** (-fit'ik) *adj.*

**sap'suck'er** *n.* an American woodpecker that often drills holes in trees for the sap

**Sar-a-cen** (sar'ə sən) *n.* any Arab or any Muslim, esp. at the time of the Crusades

**Sar-ah** (ser'ə) *n.* *Bible* the wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac

**Sa-ra-je-vo** (sar'ə yā'vō) capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina: pop. 416,000

**sa-ran** (sə ran') *n.* [*arbitrary coinage*] a thermoplastic substance used in various fabrics, wrapping material, etc.

**sar-casm** (sär'kaz'əm) *n.* [*< Gr* *sarkazein*, to tear flesh] 1 a taunting or caustic remark, generally ironic 2 the making of such remarks

**sar-cas-tic** (sär kas'tik) *adj.* 1 of, like, or full of sarcasm 2 using sarcasm —**sar-cas'ti-cal-ly** *adv.*

**sar-co-ma** (sär kō'mə) *n.*, *pl.* -mas or -ma-ta (-mə tə) [*< Gr* *sarx*, flesh] a malignant tumor in connective tissue

**sar-coph-a-gus** (sär käf'ə gəs) *n.*, *pl.* -gi'(-jī') or -gus-es [*< Gr* *sarx*, flesh + *phagein*, to eat: limestone coffins hastened disintegration] a stone coffin, esp. one exposed to view, as in a tomb

**sar-dine** (sär dēn') *n.* [*< L* *sarda*, a fish] any of various small ocean fishes preserved in tightly packed cans for eating

**sar-don-ic** (sär dän'ik) *adj.* [*< Gr* *sardonios*] scornfully or bitterly sarcastic —**sar-don'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**sa-ri** (sä'rē) *n.* [*< Sans*] the outer garment of a woman of India, Pakistan, etc., consisting of a long cloth wrapped around the body

**sa-rong** (sə rōŋ', -rāŋ') *n.* [*Malay sarung*] a garment of men and women in the East Indies, etc., consisting of a cloth worn like a skirt

**sar-sa-pa-ri-la** (sas' pə ril'ə) *n.* [*< Sp* *zarza*, bramble + *parra*, vine] 1 a tropical American vine with fragrant roots 2 a carbonated drink flavored with or as with the dried roots

**sar-to-ri-al** (sär tōr' ē əl) *adj.* [*< LL* *sartor*, tailor] 1 of tailors or their work 2 of men's dress

**SASE** *abbrev.* self-addressed, stamped envelope

**sash**<sup>1</sup> (sash) *n.* [*Ar* *shāsh*, muslin] an ornamental band, ribbon, etc. worn over the shoulder or around the waist

**sash**<sup>2</sup> (sash) *n.* [*< Fr* *châssis*, a frame] a frame for holding the glass pane of a window or door, esp. a sliding frame

**sa-shay** (sa shā') *vi.* [*< Fr* *chassé*, a dance step] [*Inf.*] 1 to walk or go, esp. casually 2 to move, walk, etc. so as to



SARI



attract attention

**Sas·katch·e·wan** (sas kach'ə wän') province of SC Canada: 251,700 sq. mi.; pop. 990,000; cap. Regina: abbrev. **SK**

**sass** (sas) [Inf.] *n.* [var. of SAUCE] impudent talk —*vt.* to talk impudently to

**sas·sa·fras** (sas'ə fras') *n.* [Sp *sasafras*] 1 a small tree having small, bluish fruits 2 its dried root bark, used for flavoring

**sass·y** (sas'ē) *adj.* -i·er, -i·est [var. of SAUCY] [Inf.] impudent; saucy

**sat** (sat) *vi.*, *vt.* *pt.* & *pp.* of SIT

**Sat** abbrev. Saturday

**SAT** trademark for Scholastic Assessment Tests

**Sa·tan** (sāt'n) *n.* [< Heb *satan*, adversary] the Devil

**sa·tan·ic** (sā tan'ik, sə-) *adj.* like Satan; wicked —*sa·tan'i·cal·ly* *adv.*

**satch·el** (sach'əl) *n.* [< L *saccus*, a bag] a small bag for carrying clothes, books, etc.

**sate** (sāt) *vt.* *sat'ed*, *sat'ing* [prob. < L *satiare*, fill full] 1 to satisfy (an appetite, etc.) completely 2 to satiate

**sa·teen** (sa tēn') *n.* [< SATIN] a cotton cloth made to imitate satin

**sat·el·lite** (sat'l it') *n.* [< L *satelles*, an attendant] 1 *a*) a celestial body revolving around a larger celestial body *b*) a man-made object rocketed into orbit around the earth, moon, etc. 2 a small state dependent on a larger one

**sa·ti·ate** (sā'shē āt') *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [< L *satis*, enough] to provide with more than enough, so as to weary or disgust; glut

**sa·ti·e·ty** (sə tī'ə tē) *n.* a being satiated

**sat·in** (sat'n) *n.* [< Ar *zaitūnī*, of *Zaitūn*, former name of a Chinese seaport] a fabric of silk, nylon, rayon, etc. with a smooth, glossy finish on one side — *sat'in·y* *adj.*

**sat'in·wood'** *n.* 1 a smooth wood used in fine furniture 2 any of the trees yielding such a wood

**sat·ire** (sa'tir') *n.* [< L *satira*] 1 a literary work in which vices, follies, etc. are held up to ridicule and contempt 2 the use of ridicule, sarcasm, etc. to attack vices, follies, etc. —*sa·tir·i·cal* (sə tir'i kəl) *adj.* —*sat·i·rist* (sat'ə rist) *n.*

**sat·i·rize** (sat'ə rīz') *vt.* -rized', -riz'ing to attack with satire

**sat·is·fac·tion** (sat'is fak'shən) *n.* 1 a satisfying or being satisfied 2 something that satisfies; specif., *a*) anything that brings pleasure or contentment *b*) settlement of debt

**sat'is·fac'to·ry** (-tə rē) *adj.* good enough to fulfill a need, wish, etc.; satisfying or adequate —*sat'is·fac'to·ri·ly* *adv.*

**sat·is·fy** (sat'is fī') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [< L *satis*, enough + *facere*, make] 1 to fulfill the needs or desires of; content 2 to fulfill the requirements of 3 to free from doubt; convince 4 *a*) to give what is due to *b*) to discharge (a debt, etc.)

**sa·to·ri** (sā tōr'ē) *n.* [Jpn] spiritual enlightenment: term in Zen Buddhism

**sa·trap** (sā'trap', sa'-) *n.* [< Pers] a petty tyrant

**sat·u·rate** (sach'ə rāt') *vt.* -rat'ed,

-*rat'ing* [< L *satur*, full] 1 to make thoroughly soaked 2 to cause to be filled, charged, etc. with the most it can absorb —*sat'u·ra'tion* *n.*

**Sat·ur·day** (sat'ər dā') *n.* [< OE *Sæterdæg*, Saturn's day] the seventh and last day of the week

**Saturday night special** [from their use in weekend crimes] [Slang] any small, cheap handgun

**Sat·urn** (sat'ərən) *n.* 1 the Roman god of agriculture 2 the second largest planet of the solar system, with thin, icy rings of particles around its equator: see PLANET

**sat·ur·nine** (sat'ər nīn') *adj.* [< supposed influence of planet Saturn] sluggish, gloomy, grave, etc.

**sat·yr** (sāt'ər, sat'-) *n.* [< Gr *satyros*] 1 Gr. Myth. a lecherous woodland deity represented as a man with a goat's legs, pointed ears, and short horns 2 a lecherous man

**sat·y·ri·a·sis** (sāt'ə rī'ə sis, sat'-) *n.* [< Gr: see prec.] uncontrollable desire by a man for sexual intercourse

**sauce** (sôs) *n.* [< L *sal*, salt] 1 a liquid or soft mixture served with food to add flavor 2 stewed or preserved fruit 3 [Inf.] impudence 4 [Slang] alcoholic liquor: with *the*

**sauce'pan'** *n.* a small pot with a projecting handle, used for cooking

**sau·cer** (sô'sər) *n.* [see SAUCE] 1 a small, round, shallow dish, esp. one designed to hold a cup 2 anything shaped like a saucer

**sau·cy** (sô'sē) *adj.* -ci·er, -ci·est [SAUC(E) + -Y<sup>2</sup>] 1 rude; impudent 2 pert; sprightly —*sau'ci·ly* *adv.* —*sau'ci·ness* *n.*

**Sa·u·di Arabia** (sou'dē, sô'-) kingdom occupying most of Arabia: 849,400 sq. mi.; pop. 16,900,000

**sau·er·bra·ten** (sou'ər brät'n, zou'ər-) *n.* [Ger *sauer*, sour + *braten*, roast] beef marinated in vinegar with onions, spices, etc. before cooking

**sau·er·kraut** (sou'ər krout') *n.* [Ger *sauer*, sour + *kraut*, cabbage] chopped cabbage fermented in brine

**Saul** (sôl) *n.* Bible first king of Israel

**sau·na** (sô'nə, sâ'-) *n.* [Finnish] a bath involving exposure to hot, dry air

**saun·ter** (sôn'tər) *vi.* [ME *santren*, to muse] to walk about idly; stroll —*n.* a leisurely walk; stroll

**sau·ri·an** (sôr'ē ən) *adj.* [< Gr *sauros*, lizard] of or like lizards

**sau·ro·pod** (sôr'ə päd') *n.* [< Gr *sauros*, lizard + -POD] a gigantic dinosaur with a long neck and tail and a small head, as an apatosaurus

**sau·sage** (sô'sij) *n.* [see SAUCE] pork or other meat, chopped fine, seasoned, and often stuffed into a casing

**sau·té** (sô tā', sō-) *vt.* -téed', -té'ing [Fr < *sauter*, to leap] to fry quickly with a little fat

**Sau·ternes** (sō turn') *n.* [after *Sauternes*, town in France] [often s-] any of various white wines, of varying sweet-



ness: also sp. **Sau-terne'**

**sav-age** (sav'ij) *adj.* [**< L** *silva*, a wood] 1 fierce; untamed [*a savage tiger*]. 2 primitive; barbarous 3 cruel; pitiless — *n.* 1 [Now Rare] a member of a preliterate, often tribal, culture 2 a brutal or crude person — **sav'age-ly** *adv.* — **sav'age-ry** *n.*

**sa-van-na** or **sa-van-nah** (sə van'ə) *n.* [**Sp** *sabana*] a treeless plain or a grassland with scattered trees

**Sa-van-nah** (sə van'ə) seaport in SE Georgia: pop. 138,000

**sa-vant** (sə vānt', -vant'; sav'ənt) *n.* [**Fr** **< savoir**, know] a learned person

**save**<sup>1</sup> (sāv) *vt.* **sav'ing** [**< L** *salvus*, safe] 1 to rescue or preserve from harm or danger 2 to preserve for future use 3 to prevent loss or waste of [*to save time*] 4 to prevent or lessen [*to save expense*] 5 *Theol.* to deliver from sin — *vi.* 1 to avoid expense, waste, etc. 2 to store (*up*) money or goods — *n.* *Sports* an action that keeps an opponent from scoring or winning — **sav'er** *n.*

**save**<sup>2</sup> (sāv) *prep., conj.* [**< OFr** *sauf*, safe] except; but

**sav-ing** (sā'vin) *adj.* that saves; specif., *a*) economizing or economical *b*) redeeming — *n.* 1 [*often pl., with sing. v.*] any reduction in expense, time, etc. 2 [*pl.*] sums of money saved

**sav-ior** or **sav-iour** (sāv'yər) *n.* [**< L** *salvare*, to save] 1 one who saves 2 [**S-**] Jesus Christ

**sa-voir-faire** (sav'wār fer') *n.* [**Fr**, to know (how) to do] ready knowledge of what to do or say in any situation

**sa-vor** (sā'vər) *n.* [**< L** *sapor*] 1 a particular taste or smell 2 distinctive quality — *vi.* to have the distinctive taste, smell, or quality (*of*) — *vt.* to taste with delight *Brit. sp.* **sa'vour**

**sa'vor-y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 pleasing to the taste or smell 2 pleasant, agreeable, etc. *Brit. sp.* **sa'vour-y**

**sav-vy** (sav'ē) *n.* [**< Port** *saber*, to know] [*Slang*] shrewdness or understanding

**saw**<sup>1</sup> (sô) *n.* [**OE** *sagu*] a cutting tool consisting of a thin metal blade or disk with sharp teeth — *vt.* to cut or shape with a saw — *vi.* 1 to cut with or as with a saw 2 to be cut with a saw

**saw**<sup>2</sup> (sô) *n.* [**OE** *sagu*] a maxim; proverb

**saw**<sup>3</sup> (sô) *vt., vi. pt. of* SEE<sup>1</sup>

**saw'dust'** *n.* fine particles of wood formed in sawing wood

**sawed'-off'** *adj.* short or shortened

**saw'horse'** *n.* a rack on which wood is placed while being sawed

**saw'mill'** *n.* a factory where logs are sawed into boards

**saw'-toothed'** *adj.* having notches along the edge like the teeth of a saw: also **saw'tooth'**

**saw-yer** (sô'yər) *n.* one whose work is sawing wood

**sax** (saks) *n.* [*Inf.*] short for **SAXOPHONE**

**Sax-on** (sak'sən) *n.* 1 a member of an ancient Germanic people, some of whom settled in England 2 an Anglo-

Saxon 3 any dialect of the Saxons

**sax-o-phone** (sak'sə fōn') *n.* [**Fr**, after A. J. Sax, 19th-c. Belgian inventor + **-PHONE**] a single-reed, keyed woodwind instrument with a metal body — **sax'o-phon'ist** (-fōn'ist) *n.*

**say** (sā) *vt.* **said**, **sav'ing** [**OE** *secgan*] 1 to utter or speak 2 to express in words; state 3 to state positively or as an opinion 4 to indicate or show [*the clock says one*] 5 to recite [*to say one's prayers*] 6 to estimate; assume [*he is, I'd say, forty*] — *n.* 1 a chance to speak [*I had my say*] 2 authority, as to make a final decision: often with *the* — **that is to say** in other words

**sav'ing** *n.* an adage, proverb, or maxim

**sav'-so'** *n.* [*Inf.*] 1 one's word, assurance, etc. 2 right of decision

**Sb** [**L** *stibium*] *Chem. symbol for* antimony

**SC** *abbrev. Printing* small capitals

**SC** South Carolina

**scab** (skab) *n.* [**< ON** *skabb*] 1 a crust forming over a sore during healing 2 a worker who replaces a striking worker — *vi.* **scabbed**, **scab'bing** to become covered with a scab — **scab'by**, -bi-er, -bi-est, *adj.* — **scab'bi-ness** *n.*

**scab-bard** (skab'ərd) *n.* [**< ? OHG** *scar*, sword] a sheath for the blade of a sword, dagger, etc.

**sca-bies** (skā'bēz) *n.* [**L**, the itch] a contagious, itching skin disease caused by a mite

**scab-rous** (skab'rəs, skā'brəs) *adj.* [**< L** *scabere*, to scratch] 1 scaly or scabby 2 indecent, shocking, etc.

**scads** (skadz) *pl.n.* [**< ?**] [*Inf.*] a very large number or amount

**scaf-fold** (skaf'əld) *n.* [**< OFr** *escafalt*] 1 a temporary framework for supporting workers during the repairing, painting, etc. of a building, etc. 2 a raised platform on which criminals are executed

**scaf'fold-ing** *n.* 1 the materials forming a scaffold 2 a scaffold

**scal-a-wag** (skal'ə wag') *n.* [**< ?**] [*Inf.*] a scamp; rascal

**scald** (skôld) *vt.* [**< L** *ex-*, intens. + *calidus*, hot] 1 to burn with hot liquid or steam 2 to heat almost to the boiling point 3 to use boiling liquid on — *n.* a burn caused by scalding

**scale**<sup>1</sup> (skāl) *n.* [**< L** *scala*, ladder] 1 *a*) a series of marks along a line used in measuring [*the scale of a thermometer*] *b*) any instrument so marked 2 the proportion that a map, etc. bears to the thing it represents [*a scale of one inch to a mile*] 3 *a*) a series of degrees classified by size, amount, etc. [*a wage scale*] *b*) any degree in such a series 4 *Music* a series of tones, rising or falling in pitch, according to a system of intervals — *vt.* **scaled**, **scal'ing** 1 to climb up or over 2 to make according to a scale — **scale back** **SCALE DOWN** (see phrase below) — **scale down** (or **up**) to reduce (or increase) according to a fixed ratio

**scale**<sup>2</sup> (skāl) *n.* [**< OFr** *escale*, shell] 1 any of the thin, flat horny plates covering many fishes, reptiles, etc. 2 any thin, platelike layer or piece — *vt.*



scaled, scal'ing to scrape scales from —  
*vi.* to flake or peel off in scales —scal'y,  
-i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**scale**<sup>3</sup> (skāl) *n.* [*< ON skāl, bowl*] 1 either pan of a balance 2 [often *pl.*] *ab*) any weighing machine —*vt.* scaled, scal'ing to weigh —turn the scales to decide or settle

**scale insect** any of various small insects destructive to plants: the females secrete a waxy scale

**sca-lene** (skā'lēn', skā lēn') *adj.* [*< Gr skalēnos, uneven*] having unequal sides [a scalene triangle]

**scal-lion** (skal'yən) *n.* [*< L. (caepa) Ascalonia, (onion of) Ascalon (Philistine city)*] any of various onions or onionlike plants, as the shallot, green onion, or leek

**scal-lop** (skāl'əp, skal'-) *n.* [*< OFr escalope*] 1 *a*) any of various edible mollusks with two curved, hinged shells *b*) one of the shells 2 any of a series of curves, etc. forming an ornamental edge —*vt.* 1 to cut the edge of in scallops 2 to bake until brown, usually with a creamy sauce and bread crumbs



SHELL OF SCALLOP



SCALLOPED BORDER

**scalp** (skalp) *n.* [*< Scand*] the skin on the top and back of the head, usually covered with hair —*vt.* 1 to cut or tear the scalp from 2 [Inf.] to buy (theater tickets, etc.) and resell them at higher prices —scalp'er *n.*

**scal-pel** (skal'pəl) *n.* [*< L scalprum, a knife*] a small, sharp, straight knife used in surgery, etc.

**scam** (skam) *n.* [prob. *< scheme*] [Slang] a swindle or fraud, esp. a CONFIDENCE GAME —*vt.* scammed, scam'ming [Slang] to cheat or swindle, as in a confidence game

**scamp** (skamp) *n.* [*< It scampare, to flee*] a mischievous fellow; rascal

**scam-per** (skam'pər) *vi.* [see prec.] to run or go quickly —*n.* a scampering

**scam-pi** (skam'pē) *n., pl. -pi or -pies* [It] a large, edible shrimp

**scan** (skan) *vt.* scanned, scan'ning [*< L scandere, to climb*] 1 to analyze (verse) by marking the metrical feet 2 to look at closely 3 to glance at quickly 4 to examine the structure or condition of (an internal body organ) with ultrasound, etc. 5 to pass radar beams over (an area) —*vi.* to conform to metrical principles: said of poetry —*n.* the act or an instance of scanning

**Scan or Scand** *abbrev.* Scandinavia(*n*)

**scan-dal** (skan'dəl) *n.* [*< Gr skandalon, a snare*] 1 anything that offends moral feelings and leads to disgrace 2 shame, outrage, etc. caused by this 3 disgrace 4 malicious gossip

**scan'dal-ize**' (-də liz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing

to outrage the moral feelings of by improper conduct

**scan'dal-mon'ger** (-dəl mun'gər, -dəl mən'-) *n.* one who spreads scandal or gossip

**scan'dal-ous** (-də ləs) *adj.* 1 causing scandal; shameful 2 spreading slander —scan'dal-ous-ly *adv.*

**Scan-di-na-vi-a** (skan'də nā'vē ə) region in N Europe, including Norway, Sweden, & Denmark and, sometimes, Iceland

**Scan-di-na-vi-an** (skan'də nā'vē ən) *adj.* of Scandinavia or its peoples, languages, etc. —*n.* 1 a person born or living in Scandinavia 2 the subbranch of the Germanic languages spoken by Scandinavians

**scan-sion** (skan'shən) *n.* [Fr *< L scan-sio*] the act of scanning, or analyzing, poetry

**scant** (skant) *adj.* [*< ON skammr, short*] 1 inadequate; meager 2 not quite up to full measure

**scant'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 barely sufficient 2 insufficient; not enough —scant'i-ly *adv.* —scant'i-ness *n.*

**scape-goat** (skāp'gōt') *n.* [*< ESCAPE + GOAT; see Lev. 16:7-26*] one who bears the blame for the mistakes of others —*vt.* to make a scapegoat of

**scape-grace** (skāp'grās') *n.* [*< ESCAPE + GRACE*] a rogue; scamp

**scap-u-la** (skap'yə lə) *n., pl. -lae' (-lē')* or *-las* [*< L*] either of the two flat bones in the upper back; shoulder blade

**scar** (skär) *n.* [*< Gr eschara, orig., fire-place*] 1 a mark left after a wound, burn, etc. has healed 2 the lasting mental or emotional effects of suffering —*vt.* scarred, scar'ring to mark as with a scar —*vi.* to form a scar in healing

**scar-ab** (skar'əb) *n.* [*< L scarabaeus*] 1 a large, black beetle 2 a carved image of such a beetle

**scarce** (skers) *adj.* [ult. *< L excerpere, pick out*] 1 not common; rarely seen 2 not plentiful; hard to get —make one-self scarce [Inf.] to go or stay away —scarce'ness *n.*

**scarce'ly** *adv.* 1 hardly; only just 2 probably not or certainly not

**scar-ci-ty** (sker'sə tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 an inadequate supply; dearth 2 rarity; uncommonness

**scare** (sker) *vt.* scared, scar'ing [*< ON skjarr, timid*] to fill with sudden fear —*vi.* to become frightened —*n.* a sudden fear —scare away (or off) to drive away (or off) by frightening —scare up [Inf.] to produce or gather quickly

**scare-crow** (sker'krō') *n.* a human figure made with sticks, old clothes, etc., put in a field to scare birds away from crops

**scarf** (skärf) *n., pl. scarves* (skärvz) or sometimes scarfs [*< OFr escharpe, purse hung from the neck*] 1 a piece of cloth worn about the neck, head, etc. 2 a long, narrow covering for a table, etc.

**scar-i-fy** (skar'ə fi') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [*< L scarificare*] to make small cuts in (the skin, etc.) —scar-i-fi-ca'tion *n.*



**scar-let** (skär'lit) *n.* [*< ML scarlatum*] very bright red —*adj.* 1 of this color 2 sinful; specif., whorish

**scarlet fever** an acute contagious disease characterized by sore throat, fever, and a scarlet rash

**scar-y** (sker'ē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [*Inf.*] frightening —**scar'i-ness** *n.*

**scat**<sup>1</sup> (skat) *vi.* **scat'ted**, **scat'ting** [*? short for SCATTER*] [*Inf.*] to go away: usually in the imperative

**scat**<sup>2</sup> (skat) *adj.* [*< ?*] Jazz using improvised, meaningless syllables in singing —*n.* such singing —*vi.* **scat'ted**, **scat'ting** to sing scat

**scath-ing** (skā'thin) *adj.* [*< ON skathi, harm*] harsh or caustic [*scathing remarks*] —**scath'ing-ly** *adv.*

**sca-tol-o-gy** (skə tāl'ə jē) *n.* [*< Gr skōr, excrement*] obsession with excrement or excretion in literature —**scat-o-log-i-cal** (skat'ə lāj'i kəl) *adj.*

**scat-ter** (skat'ər) *vt.* [*ME skateren*] 1 to throw here and there; sprinkle 2 to separate and drive in many directions; disperse —*vi.* to separate and go off in several directions

**scat'ter-brain'** *n.* one who is incapable of concentrated thinking

**scatter rug** a small rug

**scav-eng-er** (skav'in jər) *n.* [*< NormFr escauwer, to inspect*] 1 one who gathers things discarded by others 2 any animal that eats refuse and decaying matter —**scav'enge** (-inj), -enged, -eng-ing, *vt.*, *vi.*

**sce-nar-i-o** (sə ner'ē ō'; -när'-) *n.*, *pl.* -os' [*see fol.*] 1 *a*) an outline of a play, etc. *b*) the script of a film 2 an outline for any planned series of events, real or imagined —**sce-nar'ist** *n.*

**scene** (sēn) *n.* [*< Gr skēnē, stage*] 1 the place where an event occurs 2 the setting of a play, story, etc. 3 a division of a play, usually part of an act 4 a unit of action in a play, film, etc. 5 SCENERY (sense 1) 6 a display of strong feeling [*to make a scene*] 7 [*Inf.*] the locale for a specified activity

**sce-ner-y** (sēn'ə rē) *n.*, *pl.* -ies 1 painted screens, backdrops, etc., used on the stage to represent places, as in a play, etc. 2 the features of a landscape

**sce-nic** (sē'nik) *adj.* 1 of stage scenery 2 *a*) of natural scenery *b*) having beautiful scenery

**scent** (sent) *vt.* [*ult. < L sentire, to feel*] 1 to smell 2 to get a hint of 3 to fill with an odor; perfume —*n.* 1 an odor 2 the sense of smell 3 a perfume 4 an odor left by an animal, by which it is tracked —**scent'ed** *adj.*

**scep-ter** (sep'tər) *n.* [*< Gr skēptron, staff*] a staff held by a ruler as a symbol of sovereignty: chiefly Brit. sp. **scep'tre**

**scep-tic** (skep'tik) *n.*, *adj.* chiefly Brit. sp. of SKEPTIC —**scep'ti-cal** *adj.* —**scep'ti-cism'** *n.*

**sched-ule** (ske'jool; Brit & often Cdn shej'ool) *n.* [*< L schedā, a strip of papyrus*] 1 a list of details 2 a list of times of recurring events, projected operations, etc.; timetable 3 a timed plan for

a project —*vt.* -uled, -ul-ing 1 to place in a schedule 2 to plan for a certain time

**sche-mat-ic** (skē mat'ik) *adj.* of or like a scheme, diagram, etc.

**scheme** (skēm) *n.* [*< Gr schēma, a form*] 1 *a*) a systematic program for attaining some end *b*) a secret plan; plot 2 an orderly combination of things on a definite plan 3 a diagram —*vt.*, *vi.* **schemed**, **schem'ing** to devise or plot —**schem'er** *n.*

**scher-zo** (sker'tsō) *n.*, *pl.* -zos or -zi (-tsē) [*It, a jest*] Music a lively composition, usually in 3/4 time, as the third movement of a symphony, etc.

**schism** (siz'am, skiz'-) *n.* [*< Gr schizein, to cleave*] a split, as in a church, because of difference of opinion, doctrine, etc. —**schis-mat'ic** (-mat'ik) *adj.*

**schist** (shist) *n.* [*< Gr schistos, easily cleft*] a crystalline rock easily split into layers

**schiz-o-phre-ni-a** (skit'sə frē'nē ə) *n.* [*< Gr schizein, cleave + phrēn, the mind*] a mental disorder characterized by separation between thought and emotions, by delusions, bizarre behavior, etc. —**schiz'oid** (-soid) or **schiz'o-phren'ic** (-ə fren'ik) *adj.*, *n.*

**schle-miel** (shlə mēl') *n.* [*Yiddish*] [*Slang*] a bungling person who habitually fails or is easily victimized

**schlep** or **schlepp** (shlep) [*Slang*] *vt.* **schlepped**, **schlep'ping** [*via Yiddish < LowG slepen, to drag*] to carry, haul, etc. —*vi.* to go or move with effort —*n.* an ineffectual person

**schlock** (shlāk) [*Slang*] *n.* [*< ? Ger schlacke, dregs*] anything cheap or inferior; trash —*adj.* cheap; inferior: also **schlock'y**, -i-er, -i-est

**schmaltz** (shmälts, shmôlts) *n.* [*? via Yiddish < Ger schmaltz, rendered fat*] [*Slang*] highly sentimental music, literature, etc.

**schnapps** (shnäps) *n.*, *pl.* **schnapps** [*Ger, a nip < Du snaps, a gulp*] a strong alcoholic liquor: also sp. **schnaps**

**schnau-zer** (shnou'zər) *n.* [*Ger < schnauzen, to snarl*] a sturdily built dog with a wiry coat and bushy eyebrows

**schol-ar** (skäl'ər) *n.* [*< L schola, a school*] 1 a learned person 2 a student or pupil —**schol'ar-ly** *adj.*

**schol'ar-ship'** *n.* 1 the quality of knowledge a student shows 2 the systematized knowledge of a scholar 3 a gift of money, etc. as by a foundation, to help a student

**scho-las-tic** (skə las'tik) *adj.* [*see fol.*] of schools, colleges, students, etc.; educational; academic

**school**<sup>1</sup> (skōol) *n.* [*< Gr scholē, leisure*] 1 a place or institution, with its buildings, etc., for teaching and learning 2 all of its students and teachers 3 a regular session of teaching 4 formal education; schooling 5 a particular division of a university 6 a group following the same beliefs, methods, etc. —*vt.* 1 to train; teach 2 to discipline or control —*adj.* of a school or schools

**school**<sup>2</sup> (skōol) *n.* [*Du, a crowd*] a group of fish, etc. swimming together



**school board** an elected or appointed group of people in charge of public or private schools

**school'book** *n.* a textbook

**school'boy** *n.* a boy attending school

**school'girl** *n.* a girl attending school

**school'house** *n.* a building used as a school

**school'ing** *n.* training or education; esp., formal instruction at school

**school'marm** (-märm', -mäm') *n.* 1 [Old-fashioned] a woman schoolteacher 2 [Inf.] any person who tends to be prudish, pedantic, etc.

**school'mas'ter** *n.* [Old-fashioned] a man who teaches in a school

**school'mate** *n.* a companion or acquaintance at school

**school'mis'tress** *n.* [Old-fashioned] a woman who teaches in a school

**school'room** *n.* a room in which pupils are taught, as in a school

**school'teach'er** *n.* one who teaches in a school

**school'work** *n.* lessons worked on in classes or done as homework

**school'yard** *n.* the ground around a school, used as a playground, etc.

**school year** the part of a year when school is in session, usually September to June

**schoon'er** (skōn'ər) *n.* [*< ?*] 1 a ship with two or more masts, rigged fore and aft 2 a large beer glass

**Schu·bert** (shōō'bərt), Franz (fränts) 1797-1828; Austrian composer

**schuss** (shoos) *n.* [*Ger*, lit., shot] a straight run down a hill in skiing —*vi.* to do a schuss

**schwa** (shwä) *n.* [*Ger < Heb sheva*] 1 the neutral vowel sound of most unstressed syllables in English, as of *e* in *agent* 2 the symbol (ə) for this

**sci·at·ic** (sī at'ik) *adj.* [*see fol.*] of or in the hip or its nerves

**sci·at·i·ca** (sī at'i kə) *n.* [*< Gr ischion*, the hip] any painful condition in the hip or thigh; esp., neuritis of the long nerve (*sciatic nerve*) passing down the back of the thigh

**sci·ence** (sī'əns) *n.* [*< L scire*, know] 1 systematized knowledge derived from observation, study, etc. 2 a branch of knowledge, esp. one that systematizes facts, principles, and methods, as NATURAL SCIENCE 3 skill or technique

**science fiction** highly imaginative fiction typically involving some actual or projected scientific phenomenon

**sci·en·tif·ic** (sī'ən tif'ik) *adj.* 1 of or dealing with science 2 based on, or using, the principles and methods of science; systematic and exact —**sci'en·tif·i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**sci'en·tist** *n.* a specialist in science, as in biology, chemistry, or physics

**sci-fi** (sī'fī') *n.* [*Inf.*] short for SCIENCE FICTION

**scim·i·tar** (sim'ə tər) *n.* [*It scimitarra*] a short, curved sword used chiefly by Turks and Arabs

**scin·til·la** (sin til'ə) *n.* [*L*] 1 a spark 2 a particle; the least trace: figurative only

**scin·til·late** (sint'əl āt') *vi.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [*< L scintilla*, a spark] 1 to sparkle or twinkle 2 to be brilliant and witty —**scin'til·la'tion** *n.*

**sci·on** (sī'ən) *n.* [*< OFr cion*] 1 a shoot or bud of a plant, esp. one for grafting 2 a descendant; heir

**scis·sor** (siz'ər) *vt.* [*< fol.*] to cut, cut off, or cut out with scissors —*n.* SCISSORS, esp. in adjectival use

**scis·sors** (siz'ərz) *n.* [*< LL cisorium*, cutting tool] [*also with pl. v.*] a cutting instrument with two opposing blades pivoted together so that they can work against each other as the instrument is closed on paper, etc.: also called **pair of scissors**

**scle·ra** (sklir'ə) *n., pl. -ras or -rae* (-ē) [*< Gr sklēros*, hard] the tough, white membrane covering all of the eyeball except the area covered by the cornea

**scle·ro·sis** (skli rō'sis) *n., pl. -ses* (-sēz') [*< Gr sklēros*, hard] an abnormal hardening of body tissues —**scle·rot'ic** (-rät'ik) *adj.*

**scoff** (skäf, skôf) *n.* an expression of scorn or derision —*vt., vi.* to mock or jeer (at) —**scoff'er** *n.*

**scoff'law** *n.* [*Inf.*] one who flouts traffic laws, liquor laws, etc.

**scold** (sköld) *n.* [*< ON skald*, poet (prob. of satirical verses)] a person, esp. a woman, who habitually uses abusive language —*vt., vi.* to find fault (with) angrily; to rebuke —**scold'ing** *adj., n.*

**sco·li·o·sis** (skō'lē ō'sis) *n.* [*< Gr skolios*, crooked] lateral curvature of the spine

**sconce** (skäns) *n.* [*ult. < L abscondere*, to hide] a wall bracket for candles

**scone** (skön, skän) *n.* [*Scot*] a light cake resembling a biscuit and often quadrant-shaped

**scooch** (skōoch) *vi.* 1 [*Inf.*] to scrunch (*down, through*, etc.) 2 to slide jerkily

**scoop** (skōop) *n.* [*< MDu schope*, bailing vessel, *schoppe*, a shovel] 1 any of various small, shovel-like utensils, as for taking up flour or ice cream 2 the deep shovel of a dredge, etc. 3 the act or motion of scooping 4 the amount scooped up at one time 5 [*Inf.*] a) the publication or broadcast of a news item before a competitor b) such a news item —*vt.* 1 to take up or out with or as with a scoop 2 to hollow (*out*) 3 [*Inf.*] to publish news before (a competitor)

**scoot** (skōot) *vi., vt.* [*prob. < ON skjōta*, to shoot] [*Inf.*] to go or move quickly; hurry (off)

**scootch** (skōoch) *vi.* [*Inf.*] *alt. sp. of* SCOOSH

**scoot'er** *n.* [*< SCOOT*] 1 a child's two-wheeled vehicle moved by pushing one foot against the ground 2 a similar, motor-driven vehicle with a seat: in full **motor scooter**

**scope** (skōp) *n.* [*< Gr skopos*, watcher] 1 the extent of the mind's grasp 2 the range or extent of action, inclusion, inquiry, etc. 3 room or opportunity for freedom of action or thought

**-scope** (skōp) [*< Gr skopein*, see] *com·bining form* an instrument, etc. for see-



ing or observing [*telescope, kaleidoscope*]

**scorch** (skôrç) *vt.* [*< ? Scand*] 1 to burn slightly or superficially 2 to parch by intense heat —*vi.* to become scorched —*n.* a superficial burn

**score** (skôr) *n.* [*< ON skor*] 1 a scratch, mark, notch, incised line, etc. 2 an account or debt 3 a grievance one seeks to settle 4 a reason or motive 5 the number of points made, as in a game 6 a grade, as on a test 7 *a*) twenty people or things *b*) [*pl.*] very many 8 a copy of a musical composition showing all parts for the instruments or voices 9 [*Inf.*] the basic facts [*to know the score*] —*vt.* **scored, scor'ing** 1 to mark with notches, cuts, lines, etc. 2 *a*) to make (runs, points, etc.) in a game *b*) to record the score of 3 to achieve [*score a success*] 4 to evaluate, as in testing 5 *Music* to arrange in a score —*vi.* 1 to make points, as in a game 2 to keep the score of a game 3 to gain an advantage, a success, etc. —**scor'er** *n.*

**score'board** *n.* a large board for posting scores, etc., as in a stadium

**score'less** *adj.* with no points scored

**scorn** (skôrñ) *n.* [*< OFr escharnir, to scorn*] extreme, often indignant, contempt —*vt.* 1 to regard with scorn 2 to refuse or reject with scorn —**scorn'ful** *adj.* —**scorn'ful-ly** *adv.*

**Scor-pi-o** (skôr'pē ō') *n.* [*L, scorpion*] the eighth sign of the zodiac

**scor'pi-on** (-ən) *n.* [*< Gr skorprios*] an arachnid with a long tail ending in a poisonous sting

**Scot**<sup>1</sup> (skät) *n.* a person born or living in Scotland

**Scot**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 Scotland 2 Scottish

**scotch** (skäch) *vt.* [*prob. < OFr coche, a nick*] 1 to maim 2 to put an end to; stifle [*to scotch a rumor*]

**Scotch** (skäch) *adj.* of Scotland: cf. SCOTTISH —*n.* 1 SCOTTISH 2 [*often s-*] whiskey distilled in Scotland from malted barley: in full **Scotch whisky**

**Scotch'man** (-mən) *n., pl. -men* (-mən) *var. of* SCOTSMAN

**Scotch tape** [*< Scotch, a trademark*] a thin, transparent adhesive tape

**scot-free** (skät'frē') *adv., adj.* [*< earlier scot, a tax*] without being punished or hurt

**Scot-land** (skät'lənd) *division of the United Kingdom: the N half of Great Britain: 29,794 sq. mi.; pop. 4,962,000*

**Scotland Yard** the London police headquarters, esp. its detective bureau

**Scots** (skäts) *adj., n.* SCOTTISH

**Scots'man** (-mən) *n., pl. -men* (-mən) a person, esp. a man, born or living in Scotland: in Scotland, *Scotsman* or *Scot* is preferred to *Scotchman* —

**Scots'wom'an, pl. -wom'en, fem.n.**

**Scot-tie or Scot-ty** (skät'ē) *n., pl. -ties* SCOTTISH TERRIER

**Scot-tish** (skät'ish) *adj.* of Scotland or its people, variety of English, etc.: *Scot-tish* is formal usage, but with some words, *Scotch* is used (e.g., tweed, whisky), with others, *Scots* (e.g., law) — *n.* the variety of English spoken in Scotland —**the Scottish the Scottish people**  
**Scottish terrier** a short-legged terrier with a wiry coat

**scoun-drel** (skoun'drəl) *n.* [*prob. ult. < L ab(s)-, from + condere, to hide*] a mean, immoral, or wicked person

**scour**<sup>1</sup> (skour) *vt., vi.* [*< ? Lex-, intens. + cura, care*] 1 to clean by rubbing hard, as with abrasives 2 to clean or clear out as by a flow of water

**scour**<sup>2</sup> (skour) *vt.* [*< Lex-, out + currere, to run*] to pass over quickly, or range over, as in searching [*to scour a library for a book*]

**scourge** (skurj) *n.* [*< Lex, off + corrigia, a whip*] 1 a whip 2 any cause of serious affliction —*vt.* **scourged, scourg'ing** 1 to whip or flog 2 to punish or afflict severely

**scout** (skout) *n.* [*< L auscultare, to listen*] 1 a soldier, plane, etc. sent to spy out the enemy's strength, actions, etc. 2 a person sent out to survey a competitor, find new talent, etc. 3 [*S-*] a Boy Scout or Girl Scout —*vt., vi.* 1 to reconnoiter 2 to go in search of (something)

**scout'ing** *n.* 1 the act of one who scouts 2 [*often S-*] the activities of the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts

**scout'mas'ter** *n.* the adult leader of a troop of Boy Scouts

**scow** (skou) *n.* [*Du schouw*] a large, flat-bottomed boat used for carrying loads, often towed by a tugboat

**scowl** (skoul) *vi.* [*prob. < Scand*] to look angry, sullen, etc., as by contracting the eyebrows —*n.* a scowling look —**scowl'er** *n.*

**scrab-ble** (skrab'al) *vi. -bled, -bling* [*< Du schrabbē, to scrape*] 1 to scratch, scrape, etc. as though looking for something 2 to struggle

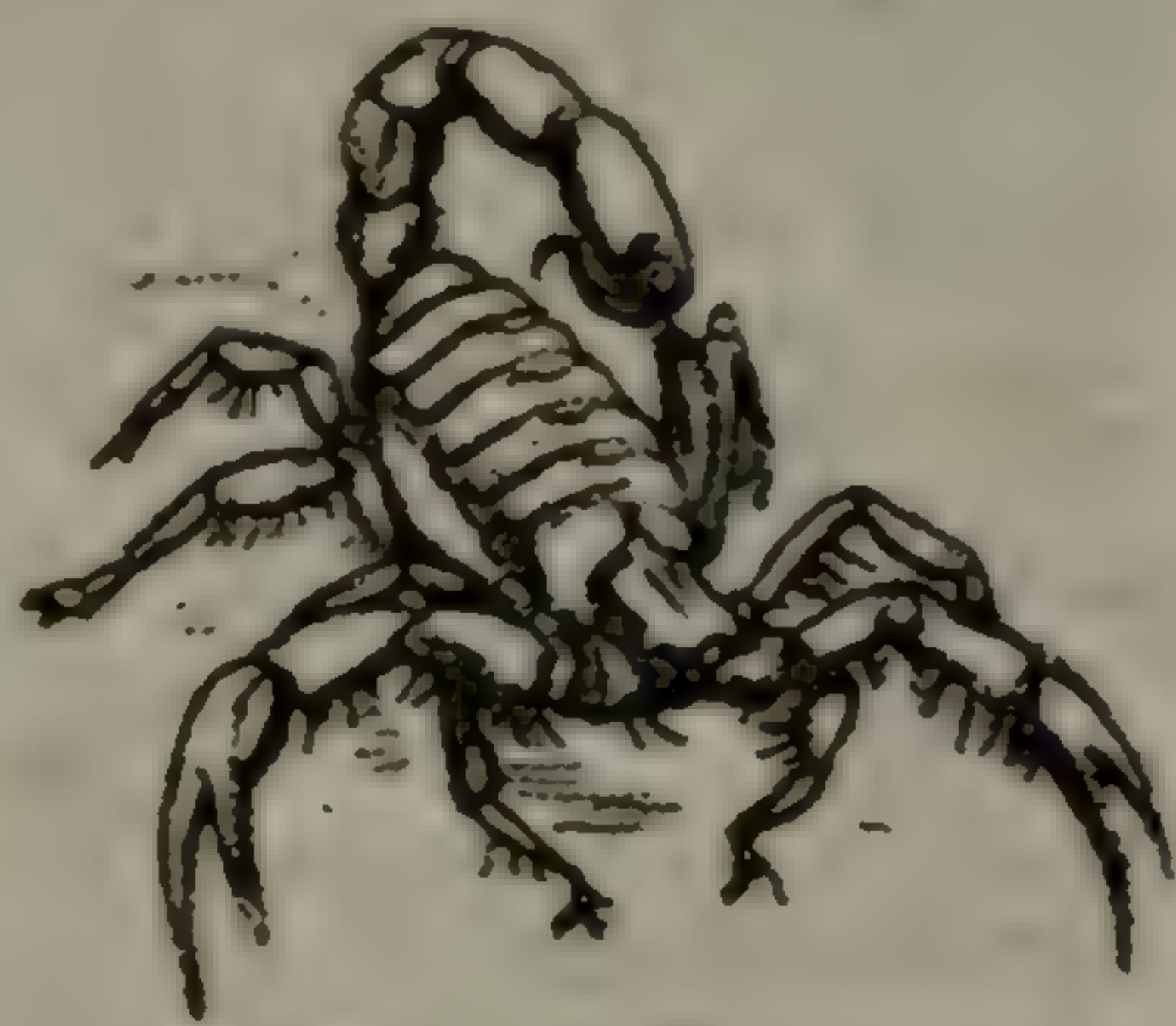
**scrag-gly** (skrag'lē) *adj. -gli-er, -gli-est* [*prob. < ON*] uneven, ragged, etc. in growth or form

**scram** (skram) *vi.* **scrammed, scram'ing** [*< fol.*] [*Slang*] to get out, esp. in a hurry

**scram-ble** (skram'bəl) *vi. -bled, -bling* [*< ?*] 1 to climb, crawl, etc. hurriedly 2 to scuffle or struggle for something —*vt.* 1 to mix haphazardly 2 to stir and cook (slightly beaten eggs) 3 to make (transmitted signals) unintelligible without special receiving equipment — *n.* 1 a hard climb or advance 2 a disorderly struggle, as for something prized

**scrap**<sup>1</sup> (skrap) *n.* [*ult. < ON skrapa, to scrape*] 1 a small piece; fragment 2 discarded material 3 [*pl.*] bits of food —*adj.* 1 in the form of pieces, leftovers, etc. 2 used and discarded —*vt.* **scrapped, scrap'ing** 1 to make into scrap 2 to discard; junk —**scrap'per** *n.*

**scrap**<sup>2</sup> (skrap) *n., vi.* **scrapped, scrap'ing** [*< ? SCRAPE*] [*Inf.*] fight or



SCORPION



quarrel —**scrap'per** *n.* —**scrap'py**, -pi-er, -pi-est, *adv.*

**scrap'book** *n.* a book in which to mount clippings, pictures, etc.

**scrape** (skrāp) *vt.* scraped, scrap'ing [*<* ON *skrapa*] 1 to make smooth or clean by rubbing with a tool or abrasive 2 to remove in this way: with *off*, *out*, etc. 3 to scratch or abrade 4 to gather slowly and with difficulty [*scrape up some cash*] —*vi.* 1 to rub against something harshly; grate 2 to manage to get by: with *through*, *along*, *by* —*n.* 1 a scraping 2 a scraped place 3 a grating sound 4 a predicament —**scrap'er** *n.*

**scrap'heap** (-hēp') *n.* a pile of discarded material, as of scrap iron —**throw** (or **toss**, **cast**, etc.) **on the scrapheap** to get rid of as useless

**scratch** (skrach) *vt.* [*ME* *scracchen*] 1 to mark, break, or cut the surface of slightly 2 to tear or dig with the nails or claws 3 to scrape lightly to relieve itching 4 to scrape with a grating noise 5 to write hurriedly or carelessly 6 to strike out (writing, etc.) 7 *Sports* to withdraw (a contestant, etc.) —*vi.* 1 to use nails or claws in digging, wounding, etc. 2 to scrape —*n.* 1 a scratching 2 a mark, tear, etc. made by scratching 3 a grating or scraping sound —*adj.* used for hasty notes, figuring etc. [*scratch paper*] —**from scratch** from nothing; without resources, etc. —**up to scratch** [*Inf.*] up to standard —**scratch'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.* —**scratch'i-ly** *adv.* —**scratch'i-ness** *n.*

**scratch'pad** *n.* a pad of paper for jotting notes

**scrawl** (skrōl) *vt., vi.* [*<* ?] to write or draw hastily, carelessly, etc. —*n.* sprawling, often illegible handwriting

**scraw'ny** (skrō'nē) *adj.* -ni-er, -ni-est [*prob. <* Scand] very thin; skinny —**scraw'ni-ness** *n.*

**scream** (skrēm) *vi.* [*ME* *screamen*] 1 to utter a shrill, piercing cry in fright, pain, etc. 2 to shout, laugh, etc. wildly —*vt.* to utter with or as with a scream —*n.* 1 a sharp, piercing cry or sound 2 [*Inf.*] a very funny person or thing

**screech** (skrēch) *vi., vt.* [*<* ON *skraekja*] to utter (with) a shrill, high-pitched sound —*n.* such a sound —**screech'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**screen** (skrēn) *n.* [*<* OFr *escren*] 1 a partition, curtain, etc. used to separate, conceal, etc. 2 anything that shields, conceals, etc. 3 a coarse mesh of wire, etc., used as a sieve 4 a frame covered with a mesh [*a window screen*] 5 *a*) a surface on which films, slides, etc. are projected *b*) the film industry *c*) the surface of a TV set, computer, etc. on which images are formed —*vt.* 1 to conceal or protect, as with a screen 2 to sift through a screen 3 to separate according to skills, etc. 4 to show (a film, etc.) to critics, the public, etc.

**screen'play** *n.* the script from which a film is produced

**screen'writ'er** *n.* the writer of a script for a film —**screen'writ'ing** *n.*

**screw** (skrō) *n.* [*<* Fr *escroue*, hole in which the screw turns] 1 a cylindrical or conical piece of metal threaded in an

advancing spiral, for fastening things: it penetrates when turned 2 any spiral thing like this 3 anything operating or threaded like a screw —*vt.* 1 to twist; turn 2 to fasten, tighten, etc. as with a screw 3 to contort —*vi.* 1 to go together or come apart by being turned like a screw [*the lid screws on*] 2 to twist or turn —**put the screws on** (or **to**) [*Inf.*] to subject to great pressure; coerce —**screw up** [*Inf.*] to bungle

**screw'ball** *n.* [Slang] an erratic, irrational or unconventional person

**screw'driv'er** *n.* a tool used for turning screws

**screw'worm** *n.* the larva of an American blowfly that infests wounds, and the nostrils, navel, etc. of animals

**screw'y** (skrō'ē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [Slang] 1 crazy 2 peculiar, eccentric

**scribble** (skrib'əl) *vt., vi.* -bled, -bling [*<* L *scribere*, write] 1 to write carelessly, hastily, etc. 2 to make meaningless or illegible marks (on) —*n.* scribbled writing —**scrib'bler** *n.*

**scribe** (skrib) *n.* [*<* L *scribere*, write] 1 a person who copied manuscripts before the invention of printing 2 a writer

**scrim** (skrim) *n.* [*<* ?] 1 a light, sheer, loosely woven cotton or linen cloth 2 such a cloth used as a stage backdrop or semitransparent curtain

**scrim'mage** (skrim'ij) *n.* [*<* SKIRMISH] 1 *Football* play that follows the snap from center 2 a practice game —*vi.* -maged, -mag-ing to take part in a scrimmage

**scrimp** (skrimp) *vt., vi.* [*<* ? Scand] to be sparing or frugal (with)

**scrim'shaw** (-shō') *n.* an intricate carving of bone, ivory, etc. done esp. by sailors

**scrip** (skrip) *n.* [*<* fol.] a certificate of a right to receive something, as money or goods

**script** (skript) *n.* [*<* L *scribere*, to write] 1 handwriting 2 a copy of the text of a play, film etc.

**scrip'ture** (skrip'chər) *n.* [*see prec.*] 1 any sacred writing 2 [S-] [*often pl.*] the sacred writings of the Jews; Old Testament 3 [S-] [*often pl.*] the Christian Bible; Old and New Testaments —**scrip'tur'al** *adj.*

**script'writ'er** *n.* one who writes scripts for films, TV, etc.

**scrod** (skräd) *n.* [*prob. <* MDu *schrode*, piece cut off] a young codfish or haddock, esp. one prepared for cooking

**scrof'u-la** (skräf'yə lə) *n.* [*<* L *scrofa*, a sow] tuberculosis of the lymphatic glands, esp. of the neck —**scrof'u-lous** *adj.*

**scroll** (skrōl) *n.* [*<* ME *scrowle*] 1 a roll of parchment, paper, etc., usually with writing on it 2 an ornamental design in coiled or spiral form —*vi.* to move lines of text, etc. vertically on a video screen

**scro'tum** (skrōt'əm) *n., pl.* -ta (-ə) or -tums [*L*] the pouch of skin holding the testicles

**scrounge** (skrounj) *vt.* scrounged, scroung'ing [*<* ?] [*Inf.*] 1 to get by beg-



ging or sponging; mooch 2 to pilfer —  
*vi.* [Inf.] to seek (around) for something  
—**scroung'er** *n.*

**scroung'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [Slang]  
shabby, dirty, unkempt, etc. —  
**scroung'i-ness** *n.*

**scrub**<sup>1</sup> (skrüb) *n.* [ME, var. of *shrubbe*,  
*shrub*] 1 a thick growth of stunted  
trees or bushes 2 any person or thing  
smaller than the usual, or inferior 3  
*Sports* a substitute player —*adj.* small,  
stunted, inferior, etc. —**scrub'by**, -bi-er,  
-bi-est, *adj.*

**scrub**<sup>2</sup> (skrüb) *vt., vi.* scrubbed,  
scrub'bing [prob. < Scand] 1 to clean  
or wash by rubbing hard 2 to rub hard  
—*n.* a scrubbing —**scrub'ber** *n.*

**scrub'wom'an** *n., pl.* -wom'en CHAR-  
WOMAN

**scruff** (skruf) *n.* [< ON *skrufr*, a tuft of  
hair] the nape of the neck

**scruff-y** (skruf'ē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [<  
SCURF + -Y<sup>2</sup>] shabby; unkempt

**scrump-tious** (skrump'shəs) *adj.* [<  
SUMPTUOUS] [Inf.] very pleasing, etc.,  
esp. to the taste

**scrunch** (skrunch) *vt., vi.* [< CRUNCH] 1  
to crunch, crush, etc. 2 to huddle,  
squeeze, etc. —*n.* a crunching or crum-  
pling sound

**scru-ple** (skrōō'pəl) *n.* [< L *scrupulus*,  
small stone] 1 a very small quantity 2  
doubt arising from difficulty in deciding  
what is right —*vt., vi.* -pled, -pling to  
hesitate (at) from doubt

**scru'pu-lous** (-pyə ləs) *adj.* 1 having or  
showing scruples; conscientiously hon-  
est 2 careful of details; precise —  
**scru'pu-los'i-ty** (-lās'ət ē), *pl.* -ties, *n.* —  
**scru'pu-lous-ly** *adv.*

**scru-ti-nize** (skrōōt'n īz') *vt.* -nized',  
-niz'ing to examine closely

**scru-ti-ny** (skrōōt'n ē) *n., pl.* -nies [< L  
*scrutari*, examine] 1 a close examina-  
tion or watch 2 a lengthy, searching  
look

**scu-ba** (skōō'bə) *n.* [s(elf-)c(ontained)  
u(nderwater) b(reathing) a(pparatus)] a  
diver's equipment with compressed-air  
tanks for breathing underwater

**scud** (skud) *vi.* scud'ded, scud'ding  
[prob. < ON] to move swiftly —*n.* a  
scudding

**scuff** (skuf) *vt., vi.* [prob. < ON *skufa*, to  
shove] 1 to wear or get a rough place  
on the surface (of) 2 to drag (the feet)  
—*n.* 1 a worn or rough spot 2 a flat-  
heeled house slipper with no back  
upper part

**scuf-fle** (skuf'al) *vi.* -fled, -fling [<  
prec.] 1 to struggle or fight in rough  
confusion 2 to drag the feet —*n.* 1 a  
confused fight 2 a shuffling of feet

**scull** (skul) *n.* [ME *skulle*] 1 an oar  
worked from side to side over the stern  
of a boat 2 a light rowboat for racing —  
*vt., vi.* to propel with a scull

**scul-ler-y** (skul'ər ē) *n., pl.* -ies [< L *scu-*  
*tella*, tray] [Now Rare] a room near the  
kitchen, where pots, pans, etc. are  
cleaned and stored

**scul-lion** (skul'yən) *n.* [ult. < L *scopa*, a  
broom] [Archaic] a servant doing the

rough kitchen work

**sculpt** (skulpt) *vt., vi.* SCULPTURE

**sculp-tor** (skulp'tər) *n.* an artist who  
creates works of sculpture

**sculp-ture** (skulp'chər) *n.* [< L *sculpere*,  
to carve] 1 the art of shaping stone,  
clay, wood, metal, etc. into statues,  
figures, etc. 2 a work or works of sculp-  
ture —*vt., vi.* -tured, -tur-ing 1 to cut,  
carve, chisel, etc. (statues, figures, etc.)  
2 to make or form like sculpture —  
**sculp'tur-al** *adj.*

**scum** (skum) *n.* [< MDu *schüm*] 1 a  
thin layer of impurities on the top of a  
liquid 2 refuse 3 [Inf.] a despicable  
person or persons —*vi.* to become  
covered with scum —**scum'my**, -mi-er,  
-mi-est, *adj.*

**scup-per** (skup'ər) *n.* [< OFr *escopir*, to  
spit] an opening in a ship's side to allow  
water to run off the deck

**scurf** (skurf) *n.* [< ON] 1 little, dry  
scales shed by the skin, as dandruff 2  
any scaly coating —**scurf'y**, -i-er, -i-est,  
*adj.*

**scur-ri-lous** (skər'ə ləs) *adj.* [< L *scurra*,  
buffoon] vulgarly abusive —**scur-ril-i-ty**  
(skə ril'ə tē), *pl.* -ties, *n.* —**scur'ri-lous-ly**  
*adv.*

**scur-ry** (skər'ē) *vi.* -ried, -ry-ing [< ?] to  
run hastily; scamper —*n.* a scurrying

**scur-vy** (skər'vē) *adj.* -vi-er, -vi-est [<  
SCURF] low; mean —*n.* a disease result-  
ing from a deficiency of vitamin C,  
characterized by weakness, anemia,  
spongy gums, etc. —**scur'vi-ly** *adv.*

**scut-tle**<sup>1</sup> (skut'l) *n.* [< L *scutella*, tray] a  
bucket for carrying coal

**scut-tle**<sup>2</sup> (skut'l) *vi.* -tled, -tling [ME  
*scutlen*] to scamper —*n.* a scamper

**scut-tle**<sup>3</sup> (skut'l) *n.* [< Sp *escotilla*, an  
indentation] an opening fitted with a  
cover, as in the hull or deck of a ship —  
*vt.* -tled, -tling to cut holes through the  
lower hull of (a ship, etc.) to sink it

**scut-tle-butt** (skut'l but') *n.* [< *scuttled*  
*butt*, lidded cask] [Inf.] rumor or gossip

**scuz-zy** (skuz'ē) *adj.* -zi-er, -zi-est [< ?]  
[Slang] dirty, shabby, etc.

**scythe** (sīth) *n.* [OE *sithe*] a tool with a  
long, single-edged blade on a long,  
curved handle, for cutting grass, grain,  
etc.

**SD** South Dakota

**Se** Chem. symbol for selenium

**SE** abbrev. 1 southeast 2 southeastern

**sea** (sē) *n.* [OE *sæ*] 1 the ocean 2 any  
of various smaller bodies of salt water  
[the Red Sea] 3 a large body of fresh  
water [Sea of Galilee] 4 the condition  
of the surface of the ocean [a calm sea]  
5 a heavy wave 6 a very great amount  
[a sea of debt] —**at sea** 1 on the open  
sea 2 uncertain; bewildered

**sea anemone** a sea polyp with a gelati-  
nous body and petal-like tentacles

**sea bass** (bas) a saltwater food fish

**sea'bed'** *n.* the mineral-rich ocean floor

**sea'board'** *n.* [SEA + BOARD] land bor-  
dering on the sea —*adj.* bordering on  
the sea

**sea'coast'** *n.* land bordering on the sea

**sea cow** a large sea mammal with a  
cigar-shaped body and a blunt snout, as



the manatee

**sea'far'er** (-fer'ər) *n.* a sea traveler; esp., a sailor — **sea'faring** *adj.*, *n.*

**sea'floor'** *n.* the ground along the ocean bottom

**sea'food'** *n.* food prepared from or consisting of saltwater fish or shellfish

**sea'go'ing** *adj.* 1 made for use on the open sea 2 SEAFARING

**sea gull** GULL<sup>1</sup>

**sea horse** a small semitropical fish with a head somewhat like that of a horse

**seal**<sup>1</sup> (sēl) *n.* [*< L sigillum*] 1 *a*) a design or initial impressed, often into wax, on a letter or document as a mark of authenticity *b*) a stamp or ring for making such an impression 2 a piece of paper, etc. bearing an impressed design recognized as official 3 something that seals or closes tightly 4 anything that guarantees; pledge 5 an ornamental paper stamp — *vt.* 1 to mark with a seal, as to authenticate or certify 2 to close or shut tight as with a seal 3 to confirm the genuineness of (a promise, etc.) 4 to decide finally

**seal**<sup>2</sup> (sēl) *n.* [*OE seolh*] 1 a sea mammal with a torpedo-shaped body and four flippers 2 the fur of some seals — *vi.* to hunt seals — **seal'er** *n.*

**seal·ant** (sēl'ənt) *n.* a substance, as a wax or plastic, used for sealing

**sea legs** the ability to walk without loss of balance on board a ship at sea

**sea level** the mean level of the sea's surface: used in measuring heights

**sea lion** a seal of the N Pacific

**seal'skin'** *n.* 1 the skin of the seal 2 a garment made of this

**seam** (sēm) *n.* [*OE*] 1 a line formed where two pieces of material are sewn together 2 a line that marks adjoining edges 3 a mark like this, as a scar or wrinkle 4 a layer of ore, coal, etc. — *vt.* 1 to join together so as to form a seam 2 to mark with a seamlike line, etc. — **seam'less** *adj.*

**sea·man** (sē'mən) *n.*, *pl.* -men (-mən) 1 a sailor 2 *U.S. Navy* an enlisted person ranking below a petty officer — **sea'man·ship'** *n.*

**seam·stress** (sēm'stris) *n.* a woman whose occupation is sewing

**seam'y** *adj.* -i·er, -i·est unpleasant or sordid [*the seamy side of life*]

**sé·ance** (sā'āns) *n.* [*Fr < L sedere, to sit*] a meeting at which a medium seeks to communicate with the spirits of the dead

**sea'plane'** *n.* an airplane designed to land on and take off from water

**sea'port'** *n.* a port or harbor used by ocean ships

**sear** (sir) *vt.* [*< OE sear, dry (adj.)*] 1 to wither 2 to burn the surface of 3 to brand

**search** (surch) *vt.* [*< LL circare, go about*] 1 to look through in order to find something 2 to examine (a person) for something concealed 3 to examine carefully; probe — *vi.* to make a search — *n.* a searching — **in search of** making a search for — **search'er** *n.*

**search engine** software for locating

documents, websites, etc. on a specified topic, etc.

**search'ing** *adj.* 1 examining thoroughly 2 piercing; penetrating

**search'light'** *n.* 1 an apparatus on a swivel that projects a strong beam of light 2 such a beam

**search warrant** a legal document authorizing a police search

**sea'scape'** (-skāp') *n.* [*SEA + (LAND)SCAPE*] 1 a view of the sea 2 a drawing, painting, etc. of such a scene

**sea'shell'** *n.* a saltwater mollusk shell

**sea'shore'** *n.* land along the sea

**sea'sick'ness** *n.* nausea, dizziness, etc. caused by the rolling of a ship or boat — **sea'sick'** *adj.*

**sea'side'** *n.* SEASHORE

**sea·son** (sē'zən) *n.* [*< VL satio, season for sowing*] 1 any of the four divisions of the year; spring, summer, fall, or winter 2 the time when something takes place, is popular, is permitted, etc. 3 the suitable time — *vt.* 1 to make (food) more tasty by adding salt, spices, etc. 2 to add zest to 3 to make more usable, as by aging 4 to make used to; accustom — *vi.* to become seasoned

**sea'son·a·ble** *adj.* 1 suitable to the season 2 opportune; timely

**sea'son·al** *adj.* of or depending on the season — **sea'son·al·ly** *adv.*

**sea'son·ing** *n.* anything that adds zest; esp., salt, spices, etc. added to food

**season ticket** a ticket or set of tickets for a series of concerts or baseball games

**seat** (sēt) *n.* [*ON sæti*] 1 *a*) a place to sit *b*) a thing to sit on; chair, etc. 2 *a*) the buttocks *b*) the part of a chair, garment, etc. that one sits on 3 the right to sit as a member [*a seat on the council*] 4 the center or the chief location [*the seat of government*] — *vt.* 1 to set in or on a seat 2 to have seats for [*the car seats six*] 3 to put or fix in a place, position, etc. — **be seated** to sit down: also **take a seat**

**seat belt** straps across the hips, to protect a seated passenger: also **seat'belt'** *n.*

**Se·at·tle** (sē at'tl) seaport in WC Washington: pop. 516,000

**sea urchin** a small sea animal with a round body in a shell covered with sharp spines

**sea'ward** *adj.*, *adv.* toward the sea: also **sea'wards** *adv.*

**sea'way'** *n.* an inland waterway to the sea for ocean ships

**sea'weed'** *n.* a sea plant, esp. an alga

**sea'wor'thy** (-war'thē) *adj.* fit to travel on the sea: said of a ship

**se·ba·ceous** (sə bā'shəs) *adj.* [*< L sebum, tallow*] of, like, or secreting fat or a fatty substance [*sebaceous glands*]

**seb·or·rhe·a** or **seb·or·rhoe·a** (seb'ə rē'ə) *n.* [*ult. < L sebum, tallow + Gr rhein, flow*] an excessive discharge from the sebaceous glands, causing abnormally oily skin



**sec** *abbrev.* 1 second(s) 2 secondary 3 secretary 4 section(s)

**SEC** *abbrev.* Securities and Exchange Commission

**se·cede** (si sēd') *vi.* -ced'ed, -ced'ing [*<* L *se-*, apart + *cedere*, to go] to withdraw formally from a group, organization, etc.

**se·ces·sion** (si sesh'ən) *n.* 1 a seceding 2 [often S-] the withdrawal of the Southern states from the federal Union at the start of the Civil War —**se·ces'sion·ist** *n.*

**se·clude** (si klōd') *vt.* -clud'ed, -clud'ing [*<* L *se-*, apart + *cludere*, to close] to shut off from others; isolate

**se·clu·sion** (si klōō'zhən) *n.* a secluding or being secluded; retirement; isolation

**sec·ond**<sup>1</sup> (sek'ənd) *adj.* [*<* L *sequi*, follow] 1 coming next after the first; 2d or 2nd 2 another of the same kind; other [a second chance] 3 next below the first in rank, value, etc. —*n.* 1 one that is second 2 an article of merchandise not of first quality 3 an aide or assistant, as to a duelist or boxer 4 the gear next after first gear 5 [*pl.*] a second helping of food —*vt.* 1 to assist 2 to indicate formal support of (a motion) before discussion or a vote —*adv.* in the second place, group, etc.

**sec·ond**<sup>2</sup> (sek'ənd) *n.* [*<* ML (*pars minuta*) *secunda*, second (small part): from being a further division] 1 the sixtieth part of a minute of time or of angular measure 2 a moment; instant

**sec·ond·ar·y** (sek'ən der'ē) *adj.* 1 second in order, rank, importance, place, etc.; subordinate; minor 2 derived, not primary; derivative —*n., pl.* -aries 1 a secondary person or thing 2 Football the defensive backfield —**sec'ond·ar·i·ly** *adv.*

**secondary school** a school; esp. a high school, coming after elementary school

**secondary stress** (or **accent**) a weaker stress (') than the primary stress of a word

**sec'ond·class'** *adj.* 1 of the class, rank, etc. next below the highest, best, etc. 2 of a cheaper mail class, as for periodicals 3 inferior, inadequate, etc. or treated as such —*adv.* by second-class mail or travel accommodations

**sec'ond·guess'** *vt., vi.* [*Inf.*] to use hindsight in criticizing (someone), remaking (a decision), etc.

**sec'ond·hand'** *adj.* 1 not from the original source 2 used before; not new 3 of or dealing in used merchandise

**second lieutenant** *Mil.* a commissioned officer of the lowest rank

**sec'ond·ly** *adv.* in the second place

**second nature** an acquired habit, etc. deeply fixed in one's nature

**second person** the form of a pronoun or verb that refers to the person(s) spoken to

**sec'ond·rate'** *adj.* 1 second in quality, rank, etc. 2 inferior

**sec'ond·string'** *adj.* [*Inf.*] Sports that is a substitute player at a specified position —**sec'ond·string'er** *n.*

**second thought** a change in thought after reconsidering —**on second thought** after reconsideration

**second wind** 1 the return of easy breathing after initial exhaustion, as while running 2 any fresh ability to continue

**se·cre·cy** (sē'krə sē) *n., pl.* -cies 1 a being secret 2 a tendency to keep things secret

**se·cret** (sē'krit) *adj.* [*<* L *se-*, apart + *cernere*, sift] 1 kept from the knowledge of others 2 beyond general understanding; mysterious 3 concealed from sight; hidden —*n.* a secret fact, cause, process, etc. —**in secret** secretly —**se'cret·ly** *adv.*

**sec·re·tar·i·at** (sek'rə ter'ē ət) *n.* a staff headed by a secretary; specif., an administrative staff, as in a government

**sec·re·tar·y** (sek'rə ter'ē) *n., pl.* -tar·ies [*<* ML *secretarius*, one entrusted with secrets] 1 one who keeps records, handles correspondence, etc. for an organization or person 2 [often S-] the head of a government department 3 a writing desk —**sec're·tar'i·al** *adj.*

**se·crete** (si krēt') *vt.* -cret'ed, -cret'ing [*see* SECRET] 1 to hide; conceal 2 to form and release (a substance) as a gland, etc. does

**se·cre·tion** (si krē'shən) *n.* 1 a secreting 2 a substance secreted by an animal or plant

**se·cre·tive** (sē'krə tiv) *adj.* concealing one's thoughts, etc.; not frank or open —**se'cre·tive·ly** *adv.* —**se'cre·tive·ness** *n.*

**se·cre·to·ry** (si krēt'ər ē) *adj.* having the function of secreting, as a gland

**Secret Service** a division of the U.S. Treasury Department for uncovering counterfeiters, guarding the President, etc.

**sect**<sup>1</sup> (sekt) *n.* [*<* L *sequi*, follow] 1 a religious denomination 2 any group of people having a common philosophy, set of beliefs, etc.

**sect**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* section

**sec·tar·i·an** (sek ter'ē ən) *adj.* 1 of or devoted to some sect 2 narrow-minded —*n.* a sectarian person —**sec·tar'i·an·ism'** *n.*

**sec·tion** (sek'shən) *n.* [*<* L *secare*, to cut] 1 a cutting or cutting apart 2 a part cut off; portion 3 any distinct part, group, district, etc. 4 a drawing, etc. of a thing as it would appear if cut straight through —*vt.* to divide into sections

**sec'tion·al** *adj.* 1 of or characteristic of a given section or district 2 made up of sections —**sec'tion·al·ism'** *n.*

**sec·tor** (sek'tər) *n.* [*<* L *secare*, to cut] 1 part of a circle bounded by any two radii and the included arc 2 any of the districts into which an area is divided for military operations 3 a distinct part of society or of an economy, group, etc.

**sec·u·lar** (sek'yə lər) *adj.* [*<* LL *saecularis*, worldly] not religious; not connected with a church —**sec'u·lar·ism'** *n.*

**sec'u·lar·ize'** (-lə rīz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to



change from religious to civil use, control, influence, etc. —**sec'u-lar-i-za'tion** *n.*

**se-cure** (si kyoor') *adj.* [**< L se-**, free from + *cura*, care] 1 free from fear, care, etc. 2 free from danger, risk, etc.; safe 3 firm, stable, etc. [make the knot *secure*] —**vt. -cured', -cur'ing** 1 to make secure; protect 2 to make certain, as with a pledge 3 to make firm, fast, etc. 4 to obtain or bring about —**se-cure'ly** *adv.*

**se-cu-ri-ty** (si kyoor'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 a feeling secure; freedom from fear, doubt, etc. 2 protection; safeguard 3 something given as a pledge of repayment, etc. 4 [*pl.*] bonds, stocks, etc. 5 a private police force

**secy** or **sec'y** *abbrev.* secretary

**se-dan** (si dan') *n.* [**< ? L sedere**, to sit] an automobile with two or four doors, a permanent rigid top, and a full-sized rear seat

**se-date**<sup>1</sup> (si dāt') *adj.* [**< L sedare**, to settle] calm or composed; esp., serious and unemotional —**se-date'ly** *adv.*

**se-date**<sup>2</sup> (si dāt') **vt. -dat'ed, -dat'ing** to dose with a sedative —**se-da'tion** *n.*

**sed-a-tive** (sed'ə tiv) *adj.* [see **SEDATE**<sup>1</sup>] tending to soothe or quiet; lessening excitement, irritation, nervousness, etc. —*n.* a sedative medicine

**sed-en-tar-y** (sed'n ter'ē) *adj.* [**< L sedere**, to sit] marked by much sitting

**Se-der** (sā'dər) *n., pl. Se-dar'im* (sə dār'im) or **Se'ders** [Heb lit., arrangement] [*also s-*] *Judaism* the feast of Passover as observed in the home on the eve of the first (by some also of the second) day of the holiday

**sedge** (sej) *n.* [OE *secg*] a coarse, grass-like plant growing in wet ground

**sed-i-ment** (sed'ə mənt) *n.* [**< L sedere**, sit] 1 matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid 2 *Geol.* matter deposited by water or wind

**sed'i-men'ta-ry** (-men'tər ē) *adj.* 1 of or containing sediment 2 formed by the deposit of sediment, as certain rocks

**sed'i-men-ta'tion** (-men tā'shən, -mən-) *n.* the depositing of sediment

**se-di-tion** (si dish'ən) *n.* [**< L sed-**, apart + *itio*, a going] a stirring up of rebellion against the government —**se-di'tion-ist** *n.* —**se-di'tious** *adj.*

**se-duce** (si dōös') **vt. -duced', -duc'ing** [**< L se-**, apart + *ducere*, to lead] 1 to tempt to wrongdoing 2 to entice into having, esp. for the first time, illicit sexual intercourse —**se-duc'er** *n.* —**se-duc'tion** (-duk'shən) *n.* —**se-duc'tive** *adj.* —**se-duc'tress** (-tris) *fem.n.*

**sed-u-lous** (sej'oo ləs) *adj.* [L *sedulus*] diligent

**se-dum** (sē'dəm) *n.* [**< L**] a perennial plant found on rocks or walls, with white, yellow, or pink flowers

**see**<sup>1</sup> (sē) **vt. saw, seen, see'ing** [OE *seon*] 1 to get knowledge of through the eyes; look at 2 to understand 3 to learn; find out 4 to experience 5 to make sure [see that he goes] 6 to escort [see her to her door] 7 to encounter 8 to call on; consult 9 to receive [too ill to

see anyone] —**vi.** 1 to have the power of sight 2 to understand 3 to think [let me see, who's next?] —**see off** to accompany (someone) to the place from which that person is to depart, as on a journey —**see through** 1 to perceive the true nature of 2 to finish 3 to help through difficulty —**see to** to attend to

**see**<sup>2</sup> (sē) *n.* [**< L sedes**, a seat] the official seat or jurisdiction of a bishop

**seed** (sēd) *n., pl. seeds or seed* [OE *sæd*] 1 *a)* the part of a plant, containing the embryo, from which a new plant can grow *b)* such seeds collectively 2 the source of anything 3 [Archaic] descendants; posterity 4 sperm or semen 5 a seeded contestant —**vt.** 1 to plant with seeds 2 to remove the seeds from 3 to distribute (contestants in a tournament) so that the best teams or players are not matched in early rounds —**vi.** to produce seeds —**go (or run) to seed** 1 to shed seeds after flowering 2 to deteriorate, weaken, etc. —**seed'less** *adj.*

**seed'ling** (-lin) *n.* 1 a plant grown from a seed 2 a young tree

**seed money** money to begin a long-term project

**seed vessel** any dry, hollow fruit containing seeds: also **seed'case** *n.*

**seed'y** *adj. -i-er, -i-est* 1 full of seed 2 gone to seed 3 shabby, rundown, etc. —**seed'i-ness** *n.*

**seek** (sēk) **vt. sought, seek'ing** [OE *secan*] 1 to try to find; search for 2 to try to get 3 to aim at 4 to try; attempt [to seek to please] —**seek'er** *n.*

**seem** (sēm) **vi.** [prob. **< ON** *sæma*, conform to] 1 to appear to be [to seem happy] 2 to give the impression: usually with an infinitive [she seems to know]

**seem'ing** *adj.* that seems real, true, etc. without necessarily being so; apparent —**seem'ing-ly** *adv.*

**seem'ly** *adj. -li-er, -li-est* suitable, proper, etc. —**seem'li-ness** *n.*

**seen** (sēn) **vt., vi. pp. of SEE**<sup>1</sup>

**seep** (sēp) **vi.** [OE *sipian*, to soak] to leak through small openings; ooze —**seep'age** *n.*

**seer** (sir) *n.* one who supposedly foretells the future —**seer'ess** *fem.n.*

**seer-suck-er** (sir'suk'ər) *n.* [**< Pers** *shir u shakar*, lit., milk and sugar] a crinkled fabric of linen, cotton, etc.

**see-saw** (sē'só) *n.* [**< SAW**<sup>1</sup>] 1 a plank balanced at the middle on which children at play, riding the ends, rise and fall alternately 2 any up-and-down or back-and-forth motion or change —**vt., vi.** to move up and down or back and forth

**seethe** (sēth) **vi. seethed, seeth'ing** 1 to boil, surge, or bubble 2 to be violently agitated

**seg-ment** (seg'mənt; *for v., -ment*) *n.* [**< L secare**, to cut] any of the parts into which something is or can be separated; section —**vt., vi.** to divide into segments —**seg'men-ta'tion** *n.*

**seg-re-gate** (seg'rə gāt') **vt. -gat'ed,**



**-gating** [*< L se-, apart + grex, a flock*] to set apart from others; specif., to impose racial segregation on

**seg're-ga'tion** *n.* the policy of compelling racial groups to live apart and use separate schools, facilities, etc. — **seg're-ga'tion-ist** *n.*

**se-gue** (seg'wā, sā'gwā) *vi.* **-gued, -gue-ing** [*It, (it follows) < L sequi, to follow*] to continue without break (*to* or *into* the next part) — *n.* an immediate transition to the next part

**sei-gnior** (sān'yər, sān yôr') *n.* [*< OFr seignor < L senior*] a feudal lord

**seine** (sān) *n.* [*< Gr sagēnē*] a large fishing net weighted along the bottom — *vt., vi.* **seined, sein'ing** to fish with a seine — **sein'er** *n.*

**Seine** (sān; *Fr* sen) river in N France, flowing through Paris

**seis-mic** (siz'mik) *adj.* [*< Gr seismos, earthquake*] of or caused by an earthquake — **seis'mi-cal-ly** *adv.*

**seis'mo-graph** (-mə graf') *n.* [*see prec. & -GRAPH*] an instrument that records the intensity and duration of earthquakes

**seis-mol-o-gy** (siz māl'ə jē, sis-) *n.* [*see SEISMIC & -LOGY*] the science dealing with earthquakes — **seis'mo-log'ic** (-mə lāj'ik) or **seis'mo-log'i-cal** *adj.* — **seis-mol'o-gist** *n.*

**seize** (sēz) *vt.* **seized, seiz'ing** [*< ML sacire*] 1 *a*) to take legal possession of *b*) to capture; arrest 2 to take forcibly and quickly 3 to grasp suddenly 4 to attack or afflict suddenly [*seized with pain*] — *vi.* to stick or jam: said of a machine: often with *up*

**sei-zure** (sē'zhər) *n.* 1 a seizing or being seized 2 a sudden attack, as of epilepsy

**sel-dom** (sel'dəm) *adv.* [*OE seldan, strange*] rarely; infrequently

**se-lect** (sə lekt') *adj.* [*< L se-, apart + legere, to choose*] 1 chosen in preference to others 2 choice; excellent 3 exclusive — *vt., vi.* to choose or pick out — **se-lec'tor** *n.*

**se-lec'tion** (-lek'shən) *n.* 1 a selecting or being selected 2 that or those selected

**se-lec'tive** *adj.* 1 of selection 2 careful in choosing; discriminating — **se-lec'tiv'i-ty** *n.*

**selective service** compulsory military service set by age, fitness, etc.

**se-lect'man** (-mən) *n., pl. -men* (-mən) one of a board of governing officers in most New England towns

**se-le-ni-um** (sə lē'nē əm) *n.* [*ModL < Gr selēnē, the moon*] a nonmetallic chemical element, used in photoelectric devices

**self** (self) *n., pl. selves* [*OE*] 1 the identity, character, or essential qualities of any person or thing 2 one's own person as distinct from all others 3 one's own welfare or interest — *adj.* of the same kind, color, material, etc. [*drapes with a self lining*]

**self-** *prefix* of, by, in, to, or with oneself or itself The following list includes some common compounds formed with

*self-* that do not have special meanings:

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| self-abasement   | self-induced    |
| self-advancement | self-indulgence |
| self-appointed   | self-indulgent  |
| self-awareness   | self-inflicted  |
| self-complacent  | self-knowledge  |
| self-deception   | self-love       |
| self-defeating   | self-pity       |
| self-delusion    | self-proclaimed |
| self-destructive | self-protection |
| self-discipline  | self-reproach   |
| self-employed    | self-sealing    |
| self-examination | self-support    |
| self-help        | self-supporting |
| self-imposed     | self-sustaining |

**self'-ad-dressed'** *adj.* addressed to oneself [*a self-addressed envelope*]

**self'-ad-he'sive** *adj.* made to stick without moistening

**self'-as-ser'tion** *n.* a demanding to be acknowledged or an insisting upon one's rights, etc.

**self'-as-sur-ance** *n.* confidence in oneself — **self'-as-sured'** *adj.*

**self'-cen'tered** *adj.* 1 egocentric 2 selfish

**self'-con'fi-dence** *n.* confidence in one's own abilities, etc. — **self'-con'fi-dent** *adj.*

**self'-con'scious** *adj.* unduly conscious of oneself as an object of notice; specif., ill at ease — **self'-con'scious-ly** *adv.* — **self'-con'scious-ness** *n.*

**self'-con-tained'** *adj.* 1 keeping one's affairs to oneself 2 showing self-control 3 complete within itself

**self'-con'tra-dic'tion** *n.* 1 contradiction of oneself or itself 2 any statement containing elements that contradict each other — **self'-con'tra-dic'to-ry** *adj.*

**self'-con-trol'** *n.* control of one's own emotions, desires, actions, etc. — **self'-con-trolled'** *adj.*

**self'-de-fense'** *n.* defense of oneself or of one's rights, beliefs, actions, etc.

**self'-de-ni'al** *n.* denial or sacrifice of one's own desires or pleasures

**self'-de-scribed'** *adj.* described so by the person himself or herself [*a self-described expert*]

**self'-de-struct'** *vi.* 1 to destroy itself automatically 2 to greatly harm oneself as the result of inherent flaws

**self'-de-ter'mi-na'tion** *n.* 1 a making up one's own mind 2 the right of a people to choose its own form of government — **self'-de-ter'mined** *adj.*

**self'-dis-cov'er-y** *n.* a becoming aware of one's true potential, character, motives, etc.

**self'-ed'u-cat'ed** *adj.* educated by oneself, with little formal schooling

**self'-ef-fac'ing** *adj.* modest; retiring — **self'-ef-face'ment** *n.*

**self'-es-teem'** *n.* 1 self-respect 2 undue pride in oneself; conceit

**self'-ev'i-dent** *adj.* evident without need of proof

**self'-ex-plan'a-to'ry** *adj.* explaining itself; obvious

**self'-ex-pres'sion** *n.* expression of one's own personality or emotions, esp. in the arts



**self'-ful-fill'ing** *adj.* 1 bringing about one's personal goals 2 brought about chiefly as an effect of having been expected or predicted

**self'-gov'ern-ment** *n.* government of a group by its own members —**self'-gov'ern-ing** *adj.*

**self'-im'age** *n.* one's conception of oneself and of one's own abilities, worth, etc.

**self'-im-por'tant** *adj.* having an exaggerated opinion of one's own importance —**self'-im-por'tance** *n.*

**self'-in'ter-est** *n.* 1 one's own interest or advantage 2 an exaggerated regard for this

**self'ish** *adj.* having or showing too much concern for one's own interests, etc., with little concern for others —**self'ish-ly** *adv.* —**self'ish-ness** *n.*

**self'less** *adj.* having or showing devotion to others' welfare; unselfish —**self'less-ly** *adv.* —**self'less-ness** *n.*

**self'-made'** *adj.* 1 made by oneself or itself 2 successful through one's own efforts

**self'-por'trait** *n.* a portrait of oneself, done by oneself

**self'-pos-ses'sion** *n.* full control of one's feelings, actions, etc. —**self'-pos-sessed'** *adj.*

**self'-pro-pelled'** *adj.* propelled by its own motor or power

**self'-re-crim'i-na'tion** *n.* a blaming of oneself

**self'-reg'u-lat'ing** *adj.* regulating oneself or itself, so as to function automatically or without outside control

**self'-re-li'ance** *n.* reliance on one's own judgment, abilities, etc. —**self'-re-li'ant** *adj.*

**self'-re-spect'** *n.* proper respect for oneself —**self'-re-spect'ing** *adj.*

**self'-re-straint'** *n.* restraint imposed on oneself by oneself; self-control

**self'-right'eous** *adj.* regarding oneself as being morally superior to others; smugly virtuous —**self'-right'eous-ly** *adv.* —**self'-right'eous-ness** *n.*

**self'-sac'ri-fice'** *n.* sacrifice of oneself or one's own interests for the benefit of others —**self'-sac'ri-fic'ing** *adj.*

**self'same'** *adj.* identical

**self'-sat'is-fied'** *adj.* feeling or showing an often smug satisfaction with oneself —**self'-sat'is-fac'tion** *n.*

**self'-seek'er** *n.* one who seeks mainly to further his or her own interests —**self'-seek'ing** *n., adj.*

**self'-serve'** *adj.* short for SELF-SERVICE

**self'-serv'ice** *adj.* of or being a store, cafeteria, etc. set up so that customers pay a cashier and serve themselves

**self'-serv'ing** *adj.* serving one's own selfish interests

**self'-styled'** *adj.* so called only by oneself

**self'-suf-fi'cient** *adj.* able to get along without help; independent —**self'-suf-fi'ciency** *n.*

**self'-taught'** *adj.* having taught oneself through one's own efforts

**self'-willed'** *adj.* stubborn; obstinate

**self'-wind'ing** (-wīn'dīŋ) *adj.* wound automatically, as some wristwatches

**sell** (sel) *vt.* sold, **sell'ing** [OE *sellan*, to give] 1 to exchange (goods, services, etc.) for money, etc. 2 to offer for sale 3 to promote the sale of —*vi.* 1 to engage in selling 2 to be sold (*for* or *at*) 3 to attract buyers —**sell out** 1 to get rid of completely by selling 2 [Inf.] to betray —**sell'er** *n.*

**sell'out'** *n.* [Inf.] 1 a selling out; betrayal 2 a show, game, etc. for which all seats have been sold

**selt-zer** (selt'sər) *n.* [ < *Niederselters*, Germany] 1 [often S-] natural, effervescent mineral water 2 any carbonated water, often flavored

**sel-vage** or **sel-vedge** (sel'vij) *n.* [ < SELF + EDGE] a specially woven edge that prevents cloth from raveling

**selves** (selvz) *n. pl.* of SELF

**se-man-tics** (sə man'tiks) *pl.n.* [ < Gr *sēmainein*, to show] the study of the meanings of words —**se-man'tic** *adj.*

**sem-a-phore** (sem'ə fôr') *n.* [ < Gr *sēma*, sign + *pherein*, to bear] any apparatus or system for signaling, as by lights, flags, etc.

**sem-blance** (sem'bləns) *n.* [ < L *similis*, like] 1 outward appearance 2 a likeness or copy

**se-men** (sē'mən) *n.* [L, seed] the fluid secreted by the male reproductive organs

**se-mes-ter** (sə mes'tər) *n.* [ < L *sex*, six + *mensis*, month] either of the two terms usually making up a school year

**sem-i** (sem'ī') *n.* [Inf.] a semitrailer and its attached TRACTOR (sense 2)

**semi-** [L] *prefix* 1 half 2 partly, not fully 3 twice in a (specified period)

**sem-i-an-nu-al** (sem'ē an'yōō'əl) *adj.* happening, coming, etc. every half year

**sem'i-au'to-mat'ic** *adj.* designating an automatic weapon requiring a trigger pull for each round fired —*n.* a semiautomatic firearm

**sem-i-cir-cle** (sem'ī sūr'kəl) *n.* a half circle —**sem'i-cir'cu-lar** (-kyə lər) *adj.*

**sem'i-co'lon** *n.* a mark of punctuation (;) indicating a degree of separation greater than that marked by the comma

**sem'i-con-duc'tor** *n.* a substance, as germanium, used as in transistors

**sem'i-con'scious** *adj.* not fully conscious or awake

**sem-i-fi-nal** (sem'ī fīn'əl; *for n.*, sem'ī fīn'əl) *adj.* coming just before the final match, as of a tournament —*n.* a semifinal match, etc.

**sem-i-month-ly** (sem'ī munth'lē) *adj.* done, happening, etc. twice a month —*adv.* twice monthly

**sem-i-nal** (sem'ə nəl) *adj.* [see SEMEN] 1 of seed or semen 2 that is a source 3 of essential importance; specif., a) basic; central b) crucial

**sem-i-nar** (sem'ə nār') *n.* [see fol.] 1 a group of supervised students doing research 2 a course for such a group

**sem-i-nar-y** (sem'ə ner'ē) *n., pl. -nar-ies*



[[< L *seminarium*, nursery]] a school where ministers, priests, or rabbis are trained —**sem'i-nar'i-an** *n.*

**Sem-i-nole** (sem'ə nōl') *n.*, *pl.* -noles' or -nole' a member of a North American Indian people of S Florida & Oklahoma

**se-mi-ot-ics** (sēmē at'iks) *n.* [[< Gr *sēmeion*, sign]] *Philos.* a general theory of signs and symbols; esp., the analysis of signs in language

**sem-i-pre-cious** (sem'i presh'əs) *adj.* designating gems, as the garnet, turquoise, etc., of lower value than precious stones

**sem'i-pri-vate** *adj.* of a hospital room with two, three, or sometimes four beds

**sem'i-pro-fes-sion-al** *n.* a person who engages in a sport for pay but not as a regular occupation: also **sem'i-pro'**

**sem'i-skilled'** *adj.* of or doing manual work requiring only limited training

**Sem-ite** (sem'it') *n.* [[< Heb *Shem*, son of Noah]] a member of any of the peoples speaking a Semitic language

**Se-mit-ic** (sə mit'ik) *n.* a major group of African and Asian languages, including Hebrew, Arabic, etc. —*adj.* designating or of the Semites or their languages, etc.

**sem-i-tone** (sem'i tōn') *n.* *Music* the difference in pitch between any two immediately adjacent keys on the piano

**sem'i-trail'er** *n.* a detachable trailer designed to be attached to a coupling at the rear of a TRACTOR (sense 2)

**sem'i-trop'i-cal** *adj.* partly tropical

**sem'i-week'ly** *adj.* done, happening, etc. twice a week —*adv.* twice weekly

**sem-o-li-na** (sem'ə lē'nə) *n.* [[It]] coarse flour from hard wheat

**Sen** *abbrev.* 1 Senate 2 Senator 3 [also s-] senior

**sen-ate** (sen'it) *n.* [[< L *senex*, old]] 1 a legislative assembly 2 [S-] the upper house of the U.S. Congress or of most of the U.S. state legislatures

**sen-a-tor** (sen'ət ər) *n.* a member of a senate —**sen-a-to-ri-al** (sen'ə tōr'ē əl) *adj.*

**send** (send) *vt.* **sent**, **send'ing** [[OE *sendan*]] 1 to cause to go or be transmitted; dispatch; transmit 2 to cause (a person) to go 3 to impel; drive 4 to cause to happen, come, etc. —**send for** 1 to summon 2 to place an order for —**send'er** *n.*

**send'-off'** *n.* [Inf.] 1 a farewell demonstration for someone starting out on a trip, career, etc. 2 a start given to someone or something

**Sen-e-gal** (sen'i gōl') country on the W coast of Africa: 76,124 sq. mi.; pop. 6,982,000

**se-nile** (sē'nīl') *adj.* [[< L *senex*, old]] 1 of or resulting from old age 2 showing the deterioration accompanying old age, esp. confusion, memory loss, etc. —**se-nil-i-ty** (si nīl'ə tē) *n.*

**sen-ior** (sēn'yər) *adj.* [[< L *senex*, old]] 1 older: written *Sr.* after a father's name if his son's name is the same 2 of higher rank or longer service 3 of or

for seniors —*n.* 1 one who is older, of higher rank, etc. 2 a student in the last year of high school or college 3 *short for* SENIOR CITIZEN

**senior citizen** an elderly person, esp. one who is retired

**senior high school** high school, usually grades 10, 11, and 12

**sen-ior-i-ty** (sēn yōr'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties 1 a being senior 2 status, priority, etc. achieved by length of service in a given job

**sen-na** (sen'ə) *n.* [[< Ar *sanā*, cassia plant]] the dried leaflets of a tropical cassia plant used, esp. formerly, as a laxative

**se-ñor** (se nyôr') *n.*, *pl.* **se-ño-res** (-nyô'res) [[Sp]] a man; gentleman: as a title, equivalent to *Mr.* or *Sir*

**se-ño-ra** (se nyô'rä) *n.* [[Sp]] a married woman: as a title, equivalent to *Mrs.* or *Madam*

**se-ño-ri-ta** (se'nyô rē'tä) *n.* [[Sp]] an unmarried woman or girl: as a title, equivalent to *Miss*

**sen-sa-tion** (sen sã'shən) *n.* [[< L *sensus*, sense]] 1 the receiving of sense impressions through hearing, seeing, etc. 2 a conscious sense impression 3 a generalized feeling [a *sensation* of joy] 4 a) a feeling of general excitement b) the cause of such a feeling

**sen-sa'tion-al** *adj.* 1 arousing intense interest 2 intended to shock, thrill, etc. —**sen-sa'tion-al-ism'** *n.*

**sense** (sens) *n.* [[< L *sentire*, to feel]] 1 any faculty of receiving impressions through body organs; sight, touch, taste, smell, or hearing 2 a) feeling, perception, etc. through the senses b) a generalized feeling or awareness 3 an ability to understand some quality [a *sense* of humor] 4 sound judgment 5 [pl.] normal ability to reason [to come to one's *senses*] 6 meaning, as of a word —*vt.* **sensed**, **sens'ing** 1 to perceive 2 to detect as by sensors —**in a sense** to a limited degree —**make sense** to be intelligible or logical

**sense'less** *adj.* 1 unconscious 2 stupid; foolish 3 meaningless

**sen-si-bil-i-ty** (sen'sə bil'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties 1 the ability to respond to stimuli 2 [often pl.] (sensitive) awareness or responsiveness

**sen'si-ble** (-bəl) *adj.* 1 that can cause physical sensation 2 easily perceived 3 aware 4 having or showing good sense; wise —**sen'si-bly** *adv.*

**sen'si-tive** (-tiv) *adj.* 1 keenly susceptible to stimuli 2 tender; raw 3 highly perceptive or responsive 4 easily offended; touchy 5 detecting or reacting to slight changes [*sensitive* instruments] 6 of delicate or secret matters —**sen'si-tiv'i-ty** *n.*

**sen'si-tize'** (-tiz') *vt.* -tized', -tiz'ing to make sensitive

**sen-sor** (sen'sər) *n.* a device to detect, measure, or record physical phenomena, as radiation, heat, etc.

**sen-so-ry** (sen'sər ē) *adj.* of the senses or sensation

**sen-su-al** (sen'shō əl) *adj.* [[< L *sensus*, sense]] 1 of the body and the senses as



distinguished from the intellect or spirit 2 connected or preoccupied with sexual pleasure —**sen'su-al'i-ty** (-al'ə tē) *n.* —**sen'su-al-ly** *adv.*

**sen-su-ous** (sen'shō əs) *adj.* 1 of, derived from, or perceived by the senses 2 enjoying sensation

**sent** (sent) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of SEND*

**sen-tence** (sen'təns) *n.* [*< L sententia, opinion*] 1 *a*) a decision as of a court; esp., the determination by a court of a punishment *b*) the punishment 2 a word or group of words, usually containing a subject and predicate, that states, asks, etc. —*vt.* -**tenced**, -**tenc-ing** to pronounce punishment upon (a convicted person)

**sen-ten-tious** (sen ten'shəs) *adj.* characterized by pompous moralizing

**sen-tient** (sen'shənt) *adj.* [*see SENSE*] of or capable of perception; conscious

**sen-ti-ment** (sen'tə mənt) *n.* [*see SENSE*] 1 a complex combination of feelings and opinions 2 an opinion, etc., often, one colored by emotion: *often used in pl.* 3 tender feelings 4 appeal to the emotions in literature, etc. 5 maudlin emotion

**sen-ti-men-tal** (sen'tə mənt'l) *adj.* 1 having or showing tender or delicate feelings 2 maudlin; mawkish 3 of or resulting from sentiment —**sen'ti-men'tal-ism** *n.* —**sen'ti-men'tal-ist** *n.* —**sen'ti-men-tal'i-ty** (-tal'ə tē) *n.* —**sen'ti-men'tal-ly** *adv.*

**sen'ti-men'tal-ize**' (-iz') *vi., vt.* -ized', -izing to be sentimental or treat in a sentimental way

**sen-ti-nel** (sent'n əl) *n.* [*< L sentire, to sense*] a guard or sentry

**sen-try** (sen'trē) *n., pl. -tries* [*< ? obs. centrinell, var. of prec.*] a sentinel; esp., a soldier posted to guard against danger

**Seoul** (sōl) capital of South Korea: pop. 8,367,000

**se-pal** (sē'pəl) *n.* [*< Gr skepē, a covering + petalōn, petal*] any of the leaflike parts of the calyx

**sep-a-ra-ble** (sep'ə rə bəl) *adj.* that can be separated —**sep'a-ra-bly** *adv.*

**sep-a-rate** (sep'ə rāt'; *for adj. sep'ə rit, sep'rit*) *vt.* -rated, -rating [*< L se-, apart + parare, arrange*] 1 to set apart into sections, groups, etc.; divide 2 to keep apart by being between —*vi.* 1 to withdraw 2 to part, become disconnected, etc. 3 to go in different directions 4 to stop living together without a divorce —*adj.* 1 not joined, united, etc.; severed 2 distinct; individual 3 not shared —**sep'a-rate-ly** *adv.* —**sep'a-ra-tor** *n.*

**sep-a-ra-tion** (sep'ə rā'shən) *n.* 1 a separating or being separated 2 the place this occurs; break; division 3 something that separates

**sep'a-ra-tism**' (-rə tiz'əm) *n.* advocacy of political, religious, or racial separation —**sep'a-ra-tist** *n.*

**se-pi-a** (sē'pē ə) *n., adj.* [*< Gr sēpia, cuttlefish secreting inky fluid*] (of) a dark reddish-brown color

**sep-sis** (sep'sis) *n.* [*see SEPTIC*] a poisoning caused by the absorption of patho-

genic microorganisms into the blood

**Sep-tem-ber** (sep tem'bər) *n.* [*< L septem, seven: seventh month in Roman calendar*] the ninth month of the year, having 30 days: abbrev. **Sept.**

**sep-tet** or **sep-tette** (sep tet') *n.* [*< L septem, seven*] **Music** 1 a composition for seven voices or instruments 2 the seven performers of this

**sep-tic** (sep'tik) *adj.* [*< Gr sēpein, to make putrid*] causing, or resulting from, sepsis or putrefaction

**sep-ti-ce-mi-a** (sep'tə sē'mē ə) *n.* [*see prec.*] a disease caused by infectious microorganisms in the blood

**septic tank** an underground tank in which waste matter is putrefied and decomposed by bacteria

**sep-tu-a-ge-nar-i-an** (sep'tō ə jə ner'ē ən) *n.* [*< L septuaginta, seventy*] a person between the ages of 70 and 80

**Sep-tu-a-gint** (sep'tō ə jint') *n.* [*< L septuaginta, seventy: in tradition, done in 70 days*] a translation into Greek of the Hebrew Scriptures

**sep-tum** (sep'təm) *n., pl. -tums or -ta* (-tə) [*< L saepire, enclose, fence*] **Biol.** a wall or part that separates, as in the nose or in a fruit

**sep-ul-cher** (sep'al kər) *n.* [*< L sepelire, bury*] a vault for burial; tomb

**se-pul-chral** (sə pul'krəl) *adj.* 1 of sepulchers, burial, etc. 2 suggestive of the grave or burial; gloomy 3 deep and melancholy: said of sound

**seq.** *abbrev.* [*L sequentes*] the following

**se-quel** (sē'kwəl) *n.* [*< L sequi, follow*] 1 something that follows; continuation 2 a result; consequence 3 any literary work, film, etc. continuing a story begun in an earlier one

**se-quence** (sē'kwəns) *n.* [*< L sequi, follow*] 1 *a*) the coming of one thing after another; succession *b*) the order in which this occurs 2 a series 3 a resulting event 4 **Film** a succession of scenes forming a single episode

**se-quen-tial** (si kwen'shəl) *adj.* of or occurring in a sequence —**se-quen-tial-ly** *adv.*

**se-ques-ter** (si kwes'tər) *vt.* [*< L sequester, trustee*] 1 to set off or apart 2 to withdraw; isolate —**se-ques-tra-tion** (sē'kwə strā'shən) *n.*

**se-quin** (sē'kwīn) *n.* [*Fr; ult. < Ar sikka, a stamp, die*] a spangle, esp. one of many sewn on fabric for decoration —**se'quined** or **se'quinned** *adj.*

**se-quoi-a** (si kwoi'ə) *n.* [*after Sequoyah (1760?-1843), Indian inventor of Cherokee writing system*] REDWOOD (sense 1)

**se-ra** (sir'ə) *n. alt. pl. of SERUM*

**se-ra-glio** (si ral'yō) *n., pl. -glios* [*< L sera, a lock*] HAREM (sense 1)

**se-ra-pe** (sə rā'pē) *n.* [*MexSp*] a bright-colored wool blanket used as a garment by men in Mexico, etc.

**ser-aph** (ser'əf) *n., pl. -aphs or -a-phim*' (-ə fim') [*< Heb serafim, pl.*] **Theol.** a heavenly being, or any of the highest order of angels —**se-raph-ic** (sə raf'ik) *adj.* —**se-raph'i-cal-ly** *adv.*



**Serb** (surb) *n.* a person born or living in Serbia; esp., a member of a Slavic people of Serbia and adjacent areas —*adj.* SERBIAN

**Ser·bi·a** (sur'bē ə) the major constituent republic of Yugoslavia —**Ser'bi·an** *adj., n.*

**Ser·bo·Cro·a·tian** (sur'bō krō ā'shən) *n.* the major Slavic language of Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Croatia

**ser·e·nade** (ser'ə nād') *n.* [ult. < L *serenus*, clear] 1 music played or sung at night, esp. by a lover 2 a piece of music like this —*vt., vi.* -nad'ed, -nad'ing to play or sing a serenade (to)

**ser·en·dip·i·ty** (ser'an dip'ə tē) *n.* [after Pers tale *The Three Princes of Serendip* (Sri Lanka)] a seeming gift for finding good things accidentally —**ser'en·dip'i·tous** *adj.*

**se·rene** (sə rēn') *adj.* [L *serenus*] 1 clear; unclouded 2 undisturbed; calm —**se·rene'ly** *adv.* —**se·ren'i·ty** (-ren'ə tē) or **se·rene'ness** *n.*

**serf** (sɜrf) *n.* [< L *servus*, a slave] a person in feudal servitude, bound to a master's land and transferred with it to a new owner —**serf'dom** *n.*

**serge** (sɜrj) *n.* [< L *sericus*, silken] a strong twilled fabric

**ser·geant** (sär'jənt) *n.* [< L *servire*, serve] 1 a noncommissioned officer ranking above a corporal 2 a police officer ranking next below a captain or a lieutenant

**ser'geant-at-arms'** *n., pl.* **ser'geants-at-arms'** an officer appointed to keep order, as in a court

**sergeant major** *pl.* **sergeants major** the highest ranking noncommissioned officer

**se·ri·al** (sir'ē əl) *adj.* [< L *series*, a row, order] appearing in a series of continuous parts at regular intervals —*n.* a story, etc. presented in serial form —**se'ri·al-i·za'tion** *n.* —**se'ri·al-ize'**, -ized', -iz'ing, *vt.*

**serial number** one of a series of numbers given for identification

**se·ries** (sir'ēz) *n., pl.* -ries [L < *serere*, join together] a number of similar things or persons arranged in a row or coming one after another

**se·ri·ous** (sir'ē əs) *adj.* [< L *serius*] 1 earnest; grave, sober, etc. 2 not joking; sincere 3 requiring careful consideration 4 weighty 5 dangerous —**se'ri·ous·ly** *adv.* —**se'ri·ous·ness** *n.*

**ser·mon** (sur'mən) *n.* [< L *sermo*, a discourse] 1 a speech on religion or morals, esp. by a member of the clergy 2 any serious talk on behavior, duty, etc., esp. a tedious one —**ser'mon-ize'**, -ized', -iz'ing, *vi.*

**se·rous** (sir'əs) *adj.* 1 of or containing serum 2 thin and watery

**ser·pent** (sur'pənt) *n.* [< L *serpere*, to creep] a snake

**ser'pen·tine'** (-pən tēn', -tīn') *adj.* of or like a serpent; esp., a) cunning; treacherous b) coiled; winding

**ser·rate** (ser'āt') *adj.* [< L *serra*, a saw]

having sawlike notches along the edge: said of some leaves: also **ser'rat'ed** — **ser-ra'tion** *n.*

**ser·ried** (ser'ēd) *adj.* [< LL *serare*, to lock] placed close together

**se·rum** (sir'am) *n., pl.* -rums or -ra (-ə) [L, whey] 1 a clear, watery animal fluid, as the yellowish fluid (**blood serum**) separating from a blood clot after coagulation 2 blood serum used as an antitoxin, taken from an animal inoculated for a specific disease

**serv·ant** (sur'vənt) *n.* [ult. < L *servire*, serve] 1 a person employed by another, esp. to do household duties 2 a person devoted to another or to a cause, creed, etc.

**serve** (sɜrv) *vt.* **served**, **serv'ing** [< L *servus*, slave] 1 to work for as a servant 2 to do services for; aid; help 3 to do military or naval service for 4 to spend (a term of imprisonment, etc.) [to serve ten years] 5 to provide (customers, etc.) with goods or services 6 to set food, etc. before (a person) 7 to meet the needs of 8 to be used by [this hospital serves the whole city] 9 to function for [if memory serves me well] 10 to deliver (a summons, etc.) to (someone) 11 to hit (a tennis ball, etc.) in order to start play —*vi.* 1 to work as a servant 2 to do service [to serve in the navy] 3 to carry out the duties of an office 4 to be of service 5 to meet needs 6 to provide guests with food or drink 7 to be favorable: said of weather, etc. —*n.* a serving of the ball in tennis, etc. —**serve someone right** to be what someone deserves, for doing something wrong

**serv'er** *n.* 1 one who serves 2 a thing for serving, as a tray 3 *Comput.* the central computer in a network, on which shared files, etc. are stored

**serv·ice** (sɜr'vis) *n.* [< L *servus*, slave] 1 the occupation of a servant 2 a) public employment [diplomatic service] b) a branch of this; specif., the armed forces 3 work done for others [repair service] 4 any religious ceremony 5 a) benefit; advantage b) [pl.] friendly help; also, professional aid 6 the act or manner of serving food 7 a set of articles used in serving [a tea service] 8 a system of providing people with some utility, as water or gas 9 the act or manner of serving the ball in tennis, etc. —*vt.* -iced, -ic'ing 1 to furnish with a service 2 to make fit for service, as by repairing —**at someone's service** -1 ready to serve someone 2 ready for someone's use —**in service** functioning —**of service** helpful

**serv'ice·a·ble** *adj.* 1 that can be of service; useful 2 that will give good service; durable

**serv'ice·man'** (-man', -mən) *n., pl.* -men' (-men', -mən) 1 a member of the armed forces 2 a person whose work is repairing something [a TV serviceman]: also **service man**

**service mark** a word, etc. used like a trademark by a supplier of a service

**service station** a place selling gasoline, oil, etc., for motor vehicles

**ser·vile** (sɜr'vəl, -vīl') *adj.* [< L *servus*,



slave] 1 of slaves 2 like that of slaves or servants 3 humbly submissive — **ser-vil-i-ty** (sər vil'ə tē) *n.*

**ser-vi-tude** (sər'və tōd') *n.* [see SERF] 1 slavery or bondage 2 work imposed to punish a crime

**ser-vo** (sər'vō) *n., pl. -vos* short for: 1 SERVOMECHANISM 2 SERVOMOTOR

**ser'vo-mech'a-nism** *n.* an automatic control system of low power, used to exercise remote but accurate mechanical control

**ser'vo-mo'tor** *n.* a device, as an electric motor, for changing a small force into a large force, as in a servomechanism

**ses-a-me** (ses'ə mē') *n.* [of Semitic origin] 1 a plant whose edible seeds yield an oil 2 its seeds

**ses-qui-cen-ten-ni-al** (ses'kwi sen ten'ē əl) *adj.* [< L *sesqui-*, more by a half + CENTENNIAL] of a period of 150 years — *n.* a 150th anniversary

**ses-sion** (sesh'ən) *n.* [< L *sedere*, sit] 1 *a)* the meeting of a court, legislature, etc. *b)* a series of such meetings *c)* the period of these 2 a school term 3 a period of activity of any kind

**set** (set) *vt.* **set, set'ting** [OE *settan*] 1 to cause to sit; seat 2 to put in a specified place, condition, etc. [to *set* books on a shelf, *set* slaves free] 3 to put in a proper condition; fix (a trap for animals), adjust (a clock or dial), arrange (a table for a meal), fix (hair) in a desired style, etc., put (a broken bone, etc.) into normal position, etc. 4 to make settled, rigid, or fixed [pectin *sets* jelly] 5 to mount (gems) 6 to direct; point 7 to appoint; establish; fix (boundaries, the time for an event, a rule, a quota, etc.) 8 to furnish (an example) for others 9 to fit (words to music or music to words) 10 to arrange (type) for printing — *vi.* 1 to sit on eggs: said of a fowl 2 to become firm, hard, or fixed [this cement *sets* quickly] 3 to begin to move (*out, forth, off*, etc.) 4 to sink below the horizon [the sun *sets*] — *adj.* 1 fixed; established [a *set* time] 2 intentional 3 fixed; rigid; firm 4 obstinate 5 ready [get *set*] — *n.* 1 a setting or being set 2 the way or position in which a thing is set [the *set* of his jaw] 3 direction; tendency 4 the scenery for a play, etc. 5 a group of persons or things classed or belonging together 6 assembled equipment for radio or TV reception, etc. 7 *Tennis* a group of six or more games won by a margin of at least two — **set about** (or *in* or *to*) to begin — **set down** 1 to put in writing 2 to establish (rules, etc.) — **set forth** 1 to publish 2 to state — **set off** 1 to make prominent or enhance by contrast 2 to make explode — **set on** (or *upon*) to attack — **set up** 1 to erect 2 to establish; found

**set'back** *n.* a reversal in progress

**set'screw** *n.* a screw used in regulating the tension of a spring, etc.

**set-tee** (se tē') *n.* 1 a seat or bench with a back 2 a small sofa

**set'ter** *n.* a long-haired dog trained to hunt

**set'ting** *n.* 1 the act of one that sets 2 the position of a dial, etc. that has been

set 3 a mounting, as of a gem 4 the time, place, etc., as of a story 5 actual physical surroundings

**set-tle** (set'l) *vt.* -tled, -tling [< OE *setl*, a seat] 1 to put in order; arrange [to *settle* one's affairs] 2 to set in place firmly or comfortably 3 to colonize 4 to cause to sink and become more compact 5 to free (the nerves, etc.) from disturbance 6 to decide (doubt) 7 to end (a dispute) 8 to pay (a debt, etc.) — *vi.* 1 to stop moving and stay in one place 2 to descend, as fog does over a landscape; or gloom over a person 3 to become localized: said as of pain 4 to take up permanent residence 5 to sink [the house *settled*] 6 to become more dense by sinking, as sediment does 7 to become more stable 8 to reach an agreement or decision (*with* or *on*) — **set'tler** *n.*

**set'tle-ment** *n.* 1 a settling or being settled 2 a new colony 3 a village 4 an agreement

**set'-to'** *n., pl. -tos'* [Inf.] 1 a fight 2 an argument

**set'up'** *n.* 1 *a)* the plan, makeup, or arrangement of equipment, an organization, etc. *b)* the details of a situation, plan, etc. 2 [Inf.] a contest, etc. arranged to result in an easy victory

**sev-en** (sev'ən) *adj., n.* [OE *seofon*] one more than six; 7; VII — **sev'enth** *adj., n.*

**sev'en-teen'** (-tēn') *adj., n.* seven more than ten; 17; XVII — **sev'en-teenth'** (-tēnth') *adj., n.*

**seventeen-year locust** a cicada which lives underground for 13-17 years before emerging as an adult

**seventh heaven** perfect happiness

**sev-en-ty** (sev'ən tē) *adj., n., pl. -ties* seven times ten; 70; LXX — **the seven-ties** the years, from 70 through 79, as of a century — **sev'en-ti-eth** (-ith) *adj., n.*

**sev-er** (sev'ər) *vt., vi.* [ult. < L *separare*] to separate, divide, or divide off — **sev'er-ance** *n.*

**sev-er-al** (sev'ər əl) *adj.* [ult. < L *separ*] 1 separate; distinct 2 different; respective 3 more than two but not many; few — *pl.n.* a small number (of) — *pron.* [with *pl. v.*] a few — **sev'er-al-ly** *adv.*

**se-vere** (sə vir') *adj.* -ver'er, -ver'est [< L *severus*] 1 harsh or strict, as in treatment 2 serious or grave, as in expression 3 rigidly accurate or demanding 4 extremely plain [a dress with *severe* lines] 5 intense [*severe* pain] 6 rigorous; trying — **se-vere'ly** *adv.* — **se-vere'ness** or **se-ver'i-ty** (-ver'ə tē) *n.*

**Se-ville** (sə vil') city in SW Spain: pop. 720,000

**Sè-vres** (sev'rə; *Fr* se'vr') *n.* [after Sèvres, SW suburb of Paris, where made] a type of fine French porcelain

**sew** (sō) *vt., vi.* sewed, sewn (sōn) or sewed, sew'ing [OE *siwian*] 1 to fasten with stitches made with needle and thread 2 to make, mend, etc. by sewing — **sew up** 1 [Inf.] to get full control of 2 to make sure of success in — **sew'er** *n.*

**sew-age** (sō'ij) *n.* the waste matter carried off by sewers or drains



**sew·er** (sōō'ər) *n.* [ult. < L *ex*, out + *aqua*, water] a pipe or drain, usually underground, used to carry off water and waste matter

**sew'er-age** *n.* 1 a system of sewers 2 SEWAGE

**sew'ing** *n.* 1 the act of one who sews 2 something to be sewn

**sewing machine** a machine with a mechanically driven needle used for sewing

**sex** (seks) *n.* [< L *sexus*] 1 either of two divisions, male or female, into which persons, animals, or plants are divided 2 the character of being male or female 3 the attraction between the sexes 4 sexual intercourse —*adj.* SEXUAL

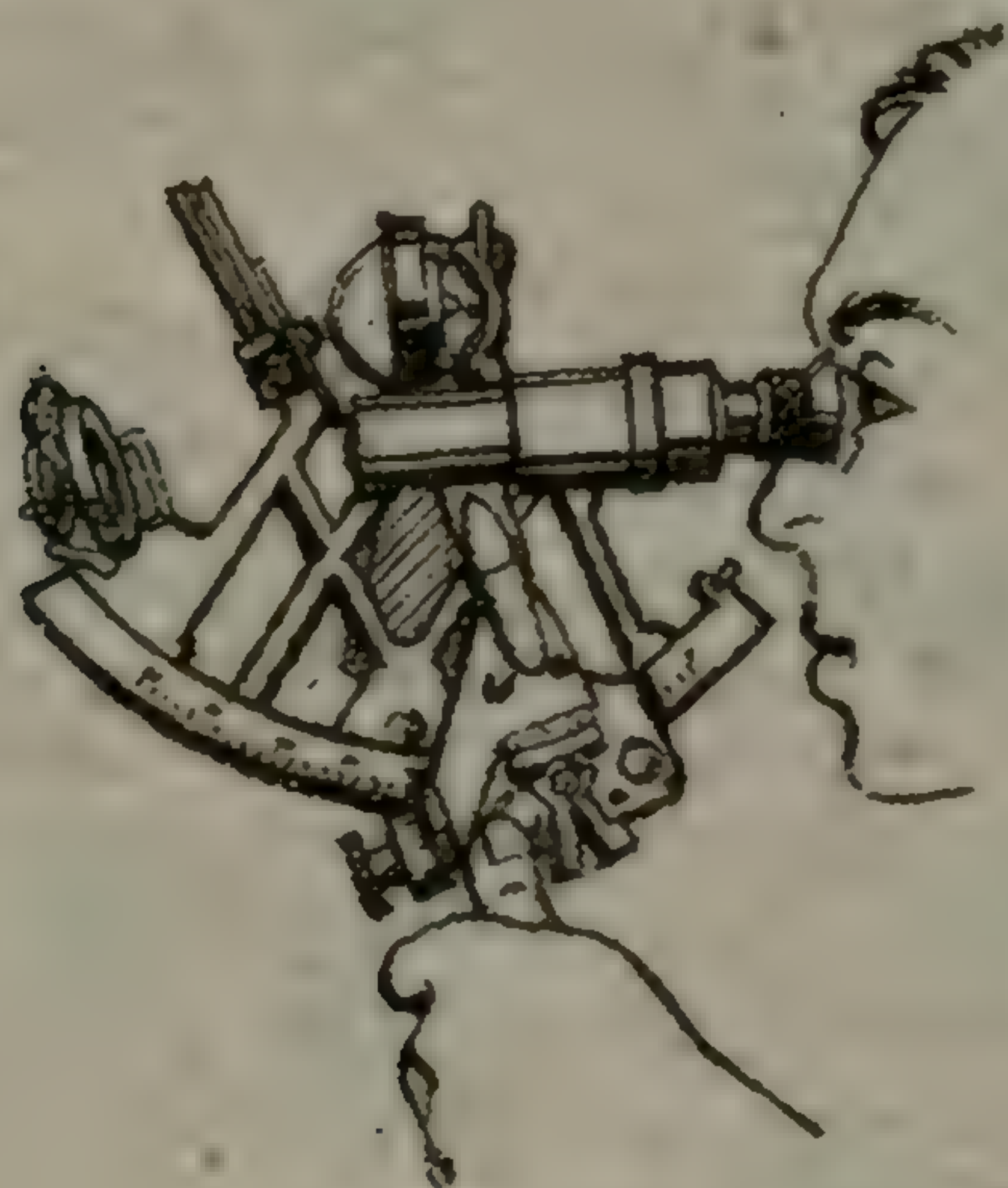
**sex-** [< L *sex*, six] combining form six

**sex·a·ge·nar·i·an** (sek'sə ji ner'ē ən) *n.* [< L] a person between the ages of 60 and 70

**sex appeal** the physical charm that attracts members of the opposite sex

**sex chromosome** a sex-determining chromosome in the germ cells: eggs carry an X chromosome and spermatozoa either an X or a Y chromosome, with a female resulting from an XX pairing and a male from an XY

**sex'ism** *n.* discrimination against people, esp. women, on the basis of sex — **sex'ist** *adj., n.*



SEXTANT

**sex·tant** (seks'tənt) *n.* [< L *sextans*, a sixth part (of a circle)] an instrument for measuring the angular distance of the sun, a star, etc. from the horizon, as to determine position at sea

**sex·tet** or **sex·tette** (seks tet') *n.* [ult. < L *sex*, six] 1 a group of six 2 *Music* a composition for six voices or instruments, or its six performers

**sex·ton** (seks'tən) *n.* [ult. < L *sacer*, sacred] a church official who maintains church property

**sex·u·al** (sek'shōō əl) *adj.* of or involving sex, the sexes, the sex organs, etc. — **sex'u-al·ly** *adv.* — **sex'u-al'i·ty** (-al'ə tē) *n.*

**sexual harassment** inappropriate, unwelcome behavior by an employer or colleague that is sexual in nature

**sexual intercourse** a joining of the sexual organs of a male and a female human being

**sex'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 [Inf.] exciting or

intended to excite sexual desire 2 [Slang] exciting, glamorous, etc. — **sex'i·ly** *adv.* — **sex'i·ness** *n.*

**Sey·chelles** (sā shel', -shelz') country on a group of islands in the Indian Ocean, northeast of Madagascar: 175 sq. mi.; pop. 67,000

**sf** or **SF** *abbrev.* science fiction

**Sgt** *abbrev.* Sergeant

**sh** (sh) *interj.* used to ask for silence

**shab·by** (shab'ē) *adj.* -bi-er, -bi-est [OE *sceabb*, *scab*] 1 rundown; dilapidated 2 a) ragged; worn b) wearing worn clothing 3 mean; shameful [*shabby treatment*] — **shab'bi·ly** *adv.* — **shab'bi·ness** *n.*

**shack** (shak) *n.* [< ?] a small, crudely built house or cabin; shanty

**shack·le** (shak'al) *n.* [OE *sceacel*] 1 a metal fastening, usually in pairs, for the wrist or ankle of a prisoner; fetter 2 anything that restrains freedom, as of expression 3 a device for fastening or coupling —*vt.* -led, -ling 1 to put shackles on 2 to restrain in freedom of expression or action

**shad** (shad) *n., pl.* shad or shads [OE *sceadd*] an American coastal food fish

**shade** (shād) *n.* [OE *sceadu*] 1 comparative darkness caused by an object cutting off rays of light 2 an area with less light than its surroundings 3 degree of darkness of a color [*shades of blue*] 4 a) a small difference [*shades of opinion*] b) a slight amount or degree 5 [Chiefly Literary] a ghost 6 a device used to screen from light [*a window shade*] 7 [*pl.*] [Slang] sunglasses —*vt.* shad'ed, shad'ing 1 to screen from light 2 to darken; dim 3 to represent shade in (a painting, etc.) —*vi.* to change slightly or by degrees — **shades of exclamation** used to refer to a reminder of the past

**shad'ing** *n.* 1 a shielding against light 2 shade in a picture 3 a small variation

**shad·ow** (shad'ō) *n.* [< OE *sceadu*, *shade*] 1 (a) shade cast by a body intercepting light rays 2 gloom or that which causes gloom 3 a shaded area in a picture 4 a ghost 5 a remnant; trace —*vt.* 1 to throw a shadow upon 2 to follow closely, esp. in secret — **shad'ow·y** *adj.*

**shad'ow·box'** *vi.* *Boxing* to spar with an imaginary opponent in training

**shad·y** (shā'dē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 giving shade 2 shaded; full of shade 3 [Inf.] of questionable character — **on the shady side of** beyond (a given age) — **shad'i·ness** *n.*

**shaft** (shaft) *n.* [OE *sceaft*] 1 an arrow or spear, or its stem 2 anything hurled like a missile [*shafts of wit*] 3 a long, slender part or object, as a pillar, a bar transmitting motion to a mechanical part, or either of the poles between which an animal is harnessed to a vehicle 4 a long, narrow passage sunk into the earth 5 a vertical opening passing through a building, as for an elevator — *vt.* [Slang] to cheat, trick, exploit, etc.

**shag**<sup>1</sup> (shag) *n.* [< OE *sceacga*, rough hair] a rough, heavy nap, as on some cloth



**shag**<sup>2</sup> (shag) *vt.* shagged, shag'ging to chase after and retrieve (baseballs hit in batting practice)

**shag'gy** *adj.* -gi-er, -gi-est 1 covered with long, coarse hair or wool 2 unkempt, straggly, etc. 3 having a rough nap

**shah** (shä) *n.* [Pers *šāh*] the title of any of the former rulers of Iran

**shake** (shāk) *vt., vi.* shook, shak'en, shak'ing [OE *sceacan*] 1 to move quickly up and down, back and forth, etc. 2 to bring, force, mix, etc. by brisk movements 3 to tremble or cause to tremble 4 *a)* to become or cause to become unsteady *b)* to unnerve or become unnerved 5 to clasp (another's hand), as in greeting —*n.* 1 an act of shaking 2 a wood shingle 3 *short for* MILKSHAKE 4 [*pl.*] [*Inf.*] a convulsive trembling: usually with *the* —no great shakes [*Inf.*] not outstanding —shake down 1 to cause to fall by shaking 2 [*Slang*] to extort money from —shake off to get rid of

**shake'down'** *n.* 1 [*Slang*] an extortion of money, as by blackmail 2 a thorough search —*adj.* for testing new equipment, etc. [*a shakedown cruise*]

**shake'out'** *n.* a drop in economic activity that eliminates unprofitable businesses, etc.

**shak'er** *n.* 1 one that shakes 2 a device used in shaking 3 [*S-*] a member of a religious sect that lived in celibate communities in the U.S.

**Shake-speare** (shāk'spir), William 1564-1616; Eng. poet & dramatist —Shake-spear'e-an or Shake-spear'i-an *adj., n.*

**shake'-up'** *n.* a shaking up; specif., an extensive reorganization

**shak'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 not firm; weak or unsteady 2 *a)* trembling *b)* nervous 3 not reliable; questionable —shak'i-ness *n.*

**shale** (shāl) *n.* [OE *scealu*, shell] a rock formed of hard clay: it splits easily into thin layers

**shale oil** oil distilled from a hard shale containing veins of a greasy organic solid

**shall** (shal) *v. aux. pt. should* [OE *sceal*] 1 used in the first person to indicate simple future time 2 used in the second or third person, esp. in formal speech or writing, to express determination, compulsion, obligation, or necessity See usage note at WILL<sup>2</sup>

**shal·lot** (shə lät', shal'ät) *n.* [OE *eschaloigne*, scallion] 1 a small onion whose clustered bulbs are used for flavoring 2 GREEN ONION

**shal·low** (shal'ō) *adj.* [ME *shalow*] 1 not deep 2 lacking depth of character, intellect, etc. —*n.* [usually *pl.*, often with *sing. v.*] SHOAL<sup>2</sup> (sense 1)

**shalt** (shalt) *v. aux. archaic 2d pers. sing., pres. indic., of SHALL:* used with *thou*

**sham** (sham) *n.* [OE *shame*] something false or fake; person or thing that is a fraud —*adj.* false or fake —*vt., vi.* shammed, sham'ming to pretend; feign

**sham·ble** (sham'bəl) *vi.* -bled, -bling [OE

obs. use in *shamble legs*, bench legs] to walk clumsily; shuffle —*n.* a shambling walk

**sham'bles** *n.* [ME *schamel*, butcher's bench; ult. < L] 1 a slaughterhouse 2 a scene of great slaughter, destruction, or disorder

**shame** (shām) *n.* [OE *scamu*] 1 a painful feeling of guilt for improper behavior, etc. 2 dishonor or disgrace 3 something regrettable or outrageous —*vt.* shamed, sham'ing 1 to cause to feel shame 2 to dishonor or disgrace 3 to force by a sense of shame —put to shame 1 to cause to feel shame 2 to surpass; outdo —shame'ful *adj.* —shame'ful-ly *adv.* —shame'ful-ness *n.*

**shame'faced'** *adj.* showing shame; ashamed

**shame'less** *adj.* having or showing no shame, modesty, or decency; brazen —shame'less-ly *adv.*

**sham·poo** (sham pōō') *vt.* -pooed', -poo'ing [Hindi *chāmpnā*, to press] 1 to wash (the hair) 2 to wash (a rug, sofa, etc.) —*n.* 1 a shampooing 2 a liquid soap, etc. used for this

**sham·rock** (sham'räk') *n.* [Ir *seamar*, clover] a plant, esp. a clover, with leaflets in groups of three: the emblem of Ireland

**shang·hai** (shan'hī') *vt.* [OE *such* kidnapping for crews on the China run] to kidnap, usually by drugging, for service aboard ship

**Shang·hai** (shan'hī') seaport in E China: pop. 6,293,000

**shank** (shank) *n.* [OE *scanca*] 1 the part of the leg between the knee and ankle in humans, or a corresponding part in animals 2 the whole leg 3 the part between the handle and the working part of a tool, etc. —shank of the evening early evening

**shan't** (shant) *contr.* shall not

**Shan·tung** (shan'tun') *n.* [OE *Chin* province] [*sometimes S-*] a silk or silky fabric with an uneven surface

**shan·ty** (shan'tē) *n., pl. -ties* [OE *CdnFr chantier*, workshop] a small, shabby dwelling; shack; hut

**shape** (shāp) *n.* [OE (ge)sceap, a form] 1 that quality of a thing which depends on the relative position of all the points on its surface; physical form 2 the contour of the body 3 definite or regular form [to begin to take shape] 4 good physical condition —*vt.* shaped, shap'ing 1 to give definite shape to 2 to arrange, express, etc. (a plan, etc.) in definite form 3 to adapt [*shaped to our needs*] —shape up [*Inf.*] 1 to develop to a definite form, satisfactorily, etc. 2 to behave as required —take shape to begin to have definite form —shape'less *adj.* —shape'less-ness *n.*

**shape'ly** *adj.* -li-er, -li-est having a pleasing figure: used esp. of a woman

**shard** (shärd) *n.* [OE *sceard*] a broken piece, esp. of pottery

**share**<sup>1</sup> (sher) *n.* [OE *scearu*] 1 a portion that belongs to an individual 2 any of the equal parts of capital stock of a cor-

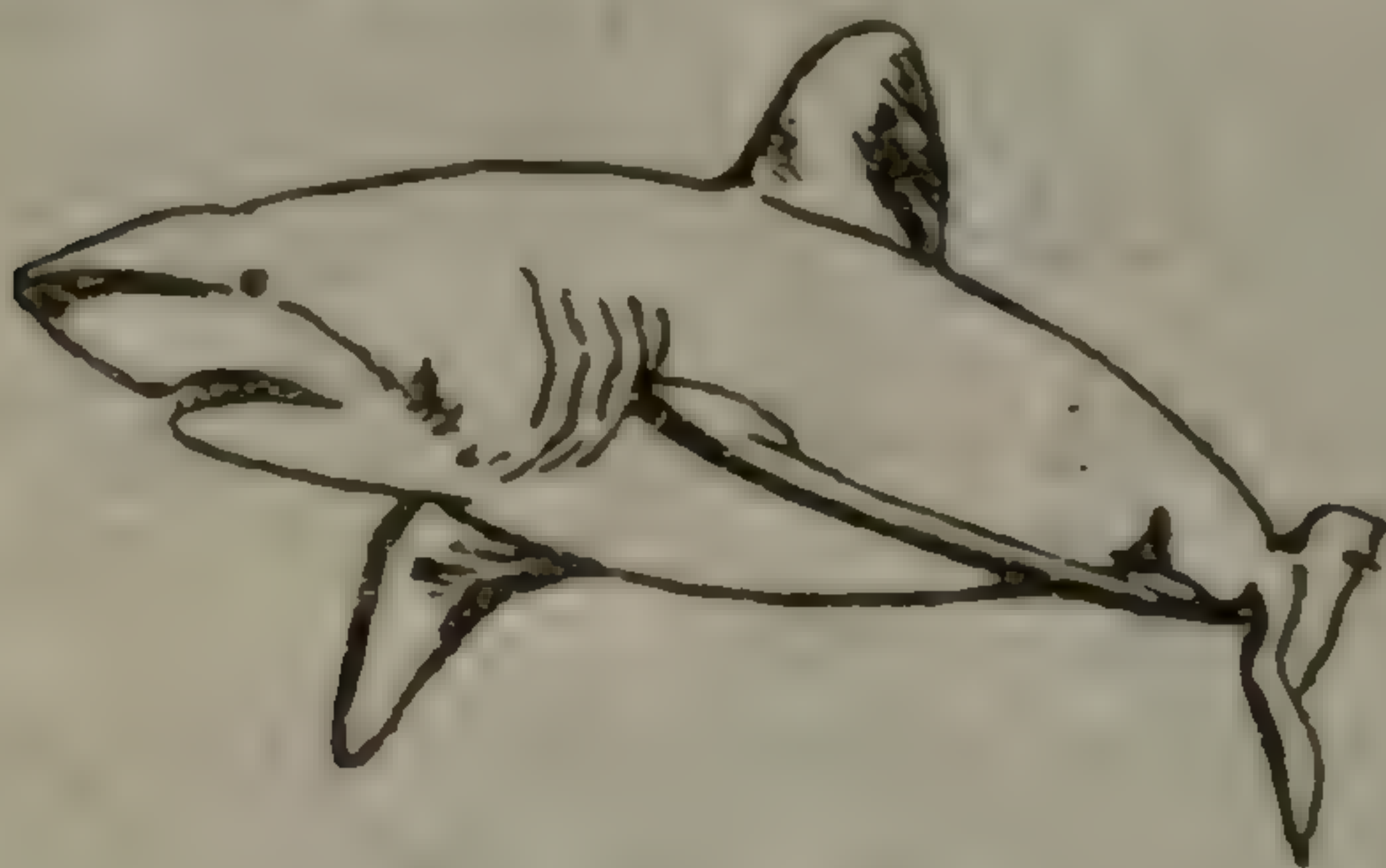


poration —*vt.* shared, shar'ing 1 to distribute in shares 2 to receive, use, etc. in common with others —*vi.* to have a share (*in*)

share<sup>2</sup> (sher) *n.* [OE *scear*] a plowshare  
share'crop' *vi., vt.* -cropped', -crop'ing to work (land) for a share of the crop, esp. as a tenant farmer — share'crop'per *n.*

share'hold'er *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a corporation

shark<sup>1</sup> (shärk) *n.* [prob. < Ger *schurke*, scoundrel] 1 a swindler 2 [Slang] an expert in an activity



WHITE SHARK

shark<sup>2</sup> (shärk) *n.* [< ?] a large, predatory sea fish with a tough, gray skin

shark'skin' *n.* a smooth, silky cloth of cotton, wool, rayon, etc.

sharp (shärp) *adj.* [OE *scearp*] 1 having a fine edge or point for cutting or piercing 2 having a point or edge; not rounded 3 not gradual; abrupt 4 clearly defined; distinct [a sharp contrast] 5 quick in perception; clever 6 attentive; vigilant 7 crafty; underhanded 8 harsh; severe [a sharp temper] 9 violent [a sharp attack] 10 brisk; active 11 intense [a sharp pain] 12 pungent 13 nippy [a sharp wind] 14 [Slang] stylishly dressed 15 *Music* above the true pitch —*adv.* 1 in a sharp manner; specif., *a*) abruptly or briskly *b*) attentively or alertly *c*) *Music* above the true pitch 2 precisely [one o'clock sharp] —*n.* 1 [Inf.] an expert or adept 2 *Music* *a*) a tone one half step above another *b*) the symbol (#) for such a note —*vt., vi.* *Music* to make, sing, or play sharp —sharp'ly *adv.* —sharp'ness *n.*

sharp'en *vt., vi.* to make or become sharp or sharper —sharp'en'er *n.*

sharp'er *n.* a swindler or cheat

sharp'-eyed' *adj.* having keen sight or perception: also sharp'-sight'ed *adj.*

sharp-ie (shär'pē) *n.* [Inf.] a shrewd, cunning person, esp. a sharper

sharp'shoot'er *n.* a good marksman

sharp'-tongued' *adj.* using sharp or harshly critical language

sharp'-wit'ted (-wit'id) *adj.* thinking quickly and effectively

shat'ter (shat'ər) *vt.* [ME *schateren*, scatter] 1 to break or burst into pieces suddenly, as with a blow 2 to damage or be damaged severely

shat'ter-proof' *adj.* that will resist shattering

shave (shāv) *vt.* shaved, shaved or shav'en, shav'ing [OE *sceafan*] 1 to

cut away thin slices or sections from 2 *a*) to cut off (hair) at the surface of the skin *b*) to cut the hair to the surface of (the face, etc.) *c*) to cut the beard of (a person) 3 to barely touch in passing; graze —*vi.* to cut off a beard with a razor, etc. —*n.* the act or an instance of shaving

shav'er *n.* 1 a person who shaves 2 an instrument used in shaving, esp. one with electrically operated cutters 3 [Inf.] a boy; lad

shav'ing *n.* 1 the act of one who shaves 2 a thin piece of wood, metal, etc. shaved off

Shaw (shō), George Ber-nard (bər nārd', bər'nərd) 1856-1950; Brit. dramatist & critic, born in Ireland —Sha-vi-ān (shā'vē ən) *adj., n.*

shawl (shōl) *n.* [prob. < Pers *shāl*] a cloth worn as a covering for the head or shoulders

shay (shā) *n.* [< CHAISE, assumed as pl.] [Dial.] a light carriage; chaise

she (shē) *pron., pl.* see THEY [< OE *seo*] the woman, girl, or female animal previously mentioned —*n., pl.* shes a female

sheaf (shēf) *n., pl.* sheaves [OE *sceaf*] 1 a bundle of cut stalks of grain, etc. 2 a collection, as of papers, bound in a bundle

shear (shir) *vt.* sheared, sheared or shorn, shear'ing [OE *scieran*] 1 to cut with or as with shears 2 to clip (hair) from (the head), (wool) from (sheep), etc. 3 to divest (someone) of a power, etc. —*n.* a shearing —shear'er *n.*

shears *pl.n.* 1 a large pair of scissors 2 a large cutting tool or machine with opposed blades

sheath (shēth) *n., pl.* sheaths (shēthz, shēths) [OE *sceath*] 1 a case for the blade of a knife, sword, etc. 2 a covering resembling this, as the membrane around a muscle 3 a woman's closefitting dress

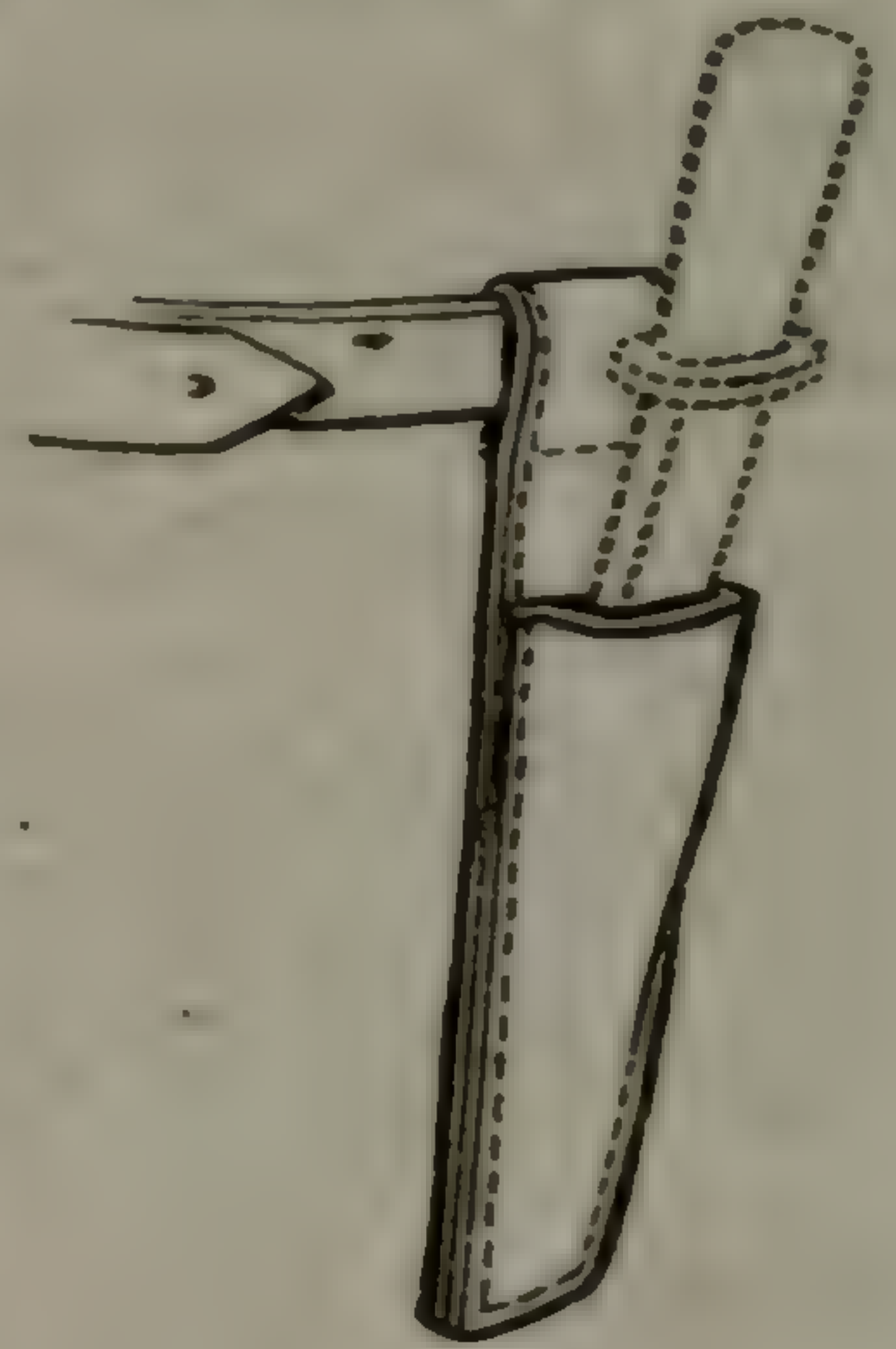
sheathe (shēth) *vt.* sheathed, sheath'ing 1 to put into a sheath 2 to enclose in a case or covering

sheath'ing (shē'thin) *n.* something that sheathes, as boards, etc. forming the base for roofing or siding

she-bang (shə-ban') *n.* [Inf.] an affair, business, contrivance, etc.: chiefly in the whole shebang

shed<sup>1</sup> (shed) *n.* [OE *scead*] a small structure for shelter or storage

shed<sup>2</sup> (shed) *vt.* shed, shed'ding [< OE *sceadan*, to separate] 1 to pour out; emit 2 to cause to flow [to shed tears] 3 to cause to flow off [oilskin sheds water] 4 to cast off or lose (a natural growth, as hair, etc.) 5 to get rid of (something unwanted) [to shed a few



SHEATH



pounds/ —*vi.* to shed hair, etc. —**shed blood** to kill violently

**sheen** (shēn) *n.* [*<* OE *sciene*, beautiful] brightness; luster

**sheep** (shēp) *n., pl. sheep* [*<* OE *sceap*] 1 a cud-chewing mammal with heavy wool and edible flesh called *mutton*; closely related to goats, antelope, etc. 2 one who is meek, timid, etc.

**sheep'dog'** *n.* a dog trained to herd sheep

**sheep'fold'** *n.* a pen or enclosure for sheep: also, chiefly Brit., **sheep'cote'** (-kōt') *n.*

**sheep'herd'er** *n.* a person who herds or takes care of a flock of sheep

**sheep'ish** *adj.* 1 embarrassed or chagrined 2 shy or bashful —**sheep'ish-ly** *adv.* —**sheep'ish-ness** *n.*

**sheep'skin'** *n.* 1 the skin of a sheep 2 parchment or leather made from it 3 [*Inf.*] a diploma

**sheer**<sup>1</sup> (shir) *vi., vt.* [*var.* of *SHEAR*] to turn aside or cause to turn aside from a course; swerve

**sheer**<sup>2</sup> (shir) *adj.* [*<* ON *skærr*, bright] 1 very thin; transparent: said of textiles 2 absolute; utter [*sheer* folly] 3 extremely steep 4 not mixed with anything; pure [*sheer* ice] —*adv.* very steeply

**sheet**<sup>1</sup> (shēt) *n.* [*OE* *sceat*] 1 a large piece of cotton, linen, etc., used on a bed 2 *a)* a single piece of paper *b)* [*Inf.*] a newspaper 3 a broad, continuous surface or expanse, as of flame or ice 4 a broad, thin piece of any material, as glass, plywood, or metal

**sheet**<sup>2</sup> (shēt) *n.* [*short for* OE *sceatline*] a rope for controlling the set of a sail

**sheet'ing** *n.* 1 cotton or linen material used for making sheets 2 material used to cover or line a surface [*copper sheeting*]

**sheet lightning** a sheetlike flash of light in the sky, caused by lightning reflected by thunderclouds

**sheet metal** metal rolled thin in the form of a sheet

**sheet music** music printed on unbound sheets of paper

**sheik** or **sheikh** (shēk, shāk) *n.* [*Ar* *shaikh*, lit., old man] the chief of an Arab family, tribe, or village

**shek-el** (shek'al) *n.* [*Heb* *<* *shakal*, weigh] 1 a gold or silver coin of the ancient Hebrews 2 the monetary unit of Israel 3 [*pl.*] [*Slang*] money

**shelf** (shelf) *n., pl. shelves* [*prob. <* MLowG *schelf*] 1 a thin, flat board fixed horizontally to a wall, used for holding things 2 something like a shelf; specif., *a)* a ledge *b)* a sandy reef —**on the shelf** out of use, activity, etc.

**shelf life** the length of time a packaged food, etc. can be stored without deteriorating

**shell** (shel) *n.* [*OE* *sciel*] 1 a hard outer covering, as of a turtle, egg, nut, etc. 2

something like a shell in being hollow, empty, a covering, etc. 3 a light, narrow racing boat rowed by a team 4 an explosive artillery projectile 5 a small-arms cartridge —*vt.* 1 to remove the shell or covering from [*to shell* peas] 2 to bombard with shells from a large gun —**shell out** [*Inf.*] to pay out (money)

**shel-lac** or **shel-lack** (shə lak') *n.* [*<* *SHELL* & *LAC*] a thin varnish containing lac and alcohol —*vt.* -lacked', -lack'ing 1 to apply shellac to 2 [*Slang*] *a)* to beat *b)* to defeat decisively

**-shelled** (sheld) *combining form* having a (specified kind of) shell

**Shel-ley** (shel'ē) 1 Mary Woll-stone-craft (wool'stən kraft') 1797-1851; Eng. novelist: second wife of Percy 2 Per-cy Bysshe (pur'sē bish) 1792-1822; Eng. poet

**shell'fire'** *n.* the firing of artillery shells

**shell'fish'** *n., pl. -fish'* or (for different species) -fish'es any aquatic animal with a shell, esp. an edible one, as the clam or lobster

**shel-ter** (shel'tər) *n.* [*<* ? OE *sciold*, shield + *truma*, a troop] 1 something that protects, as from the elements, danger, etc. 2 a being covered, protected, etc.; protection 3 a place that provides food and lodging on a temporary basis —*vt.* to provide shelter for; protect —*vi.* to find shelter

**shelve** (shelv) *vt.* shelved, shelv'ing 1 to equip with shelves 2 to put on a shelf 3 to put aside; defer

**shelves** (shelvz) *n. pl. of SHELF*

**shelv-ing** (shelv'ing) *n.* 1 material for shelves 2 shelves collectively

**she-nan-i-gan** (shi nan'i gən) *n.* [*altered <* ? Ir *sionnach* *uighim*, I play the fox] [*Inf.*] a deceitful or mischievous trick: *usually used in pl.*

**shep-herd** (shep'ərd) *n.* [*see* *SHEEP* & *HERD*] 1 one who herds sheep 2 a religious leader 3 GERMAN SHEPHERD —*vt.* to herd, lead, etc. as a shepherd —**shep'herd-ess** *fem. n.*

**sher-bet** (shər'bət) *n.* [*<* Ar *sharba(t)*, a drink] a frozen dessert like an ice but with gelatin and, often, milk added: also, erroneously, **sher'bert** (-bərt)

**sher-iff** (sher'if) *n.* [*<* OE *scir*, shire + *gerefa*, chief officer] the chief law-enforcement officer of a county

**Sher-pa** (shər'pə, sher'-) *n. pl. -pas* or *-pa* a member of a Tibetan people of Nepal, famous as mountain climbers

**sher-ry** (sher'ē) *n., pl. -ries* [*after* *Jerez*, Spain] 1 a yellow or brown Spanish fortified wine 2 any similar wine

**shib-bo-leth** (shib'ə leth', -ləth) *n.* [*<* Heb *shibolet*, a stream] 1 Bible the test word used to distinguish the enemy: Judg. 12:4-6 2 any phrase, custom, etc. peculiar to a certain party, class, etc.

**shied** (shīd) *vi., vt. pt. & pp. of SHY<sup>1</sup>, **SHY**<sup>2</sup>*

**shield** (shēld) *n.* [*OE* *sciold*] 1 a flat



piece of metal, etc. worn on the forearm to ward off blows, etc. 2 one that guards, protects, etc. 3 anything shaped like a triangular shield with two curved sides — *vt.*, *vi.* to defend; protect



SHIELD

**shift** (shift) *vt.* [OE *scifan*, to divide] 1 to move from one person or place to another 2 to replace by another or others 3 to change the arrangement of (gears) — *vi.* 1 to change position, direction, etc. 2 to get along; manage [to shift for oneself] — *n.* 1 a shifting; transfer 2 a plan of conduct, esp. for an emergency 3 an evasion; trick 4 a gearshift 5 *a*) a group of people working in relay with another *b*) their regular work period

**shift'less** *adj.* incapable, inefficient, lazy, etc. — **shift'less-ness** *n.*

**shift'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est of a tricky or deceitful nature; evasive — **shift'i-ly** *adv.* — **shift'i-ness** *n.*

**Shih Tzu** (shēd'zōō', shēt'sōō') *pl.* Shih Tzus or Shih Tzu [Mandarin *shihtzu*, lion] a small dog with long, silky hair and short legs

**shii-ta-ke** (shē tā'kē) *n.* [Jpn] an edible Japanese mushroom

**shill** (shil) [Slang] *n.* a confederate of a gambler, auctioneer, etc. who pretends to bet, bid, etc. so as to lure others — *vi.* to act as a shill

**shil-le-lagh** or **shil-la-lah** (shi lā'lē, -lə) *n.* [after *Shillelagh*, Ir village] a club or cudgel: used chiefly of or by the Irish

**shil-ling** (shil'ing) *n.* [OE *scylling*] 1 a former British monetary unit and coin, equal to  $\frac{1}{20}$  of a pound 2 the basic monetary unit of various countries

**shil-ly-shal-ly** (shil'ē shal'ē) *vi.* -lied, -ly-ing [ < *shall I?*] to vacillate, esp. over trifles

**shim** (shim) *n.* [ < ?] a thin wedge of wood, metal, etc. used as for filling space

**shim-mer** (shim'ər) *vi.* [OE *scymrian*] to shine with an unsteady light; glimmer — *n.* a shimmering light

**shim-my** (shim'ē) *n.* [ < a jazz dance < *CHEMISE*] a marked vibration or wobble, as in a car's front wheels — *vi.* -mied, -my-ing to vibrate or wobble

**shin** (shin) *n.* [OE *scinu*] the front part of the leg between the knee and the ankle — *vi.* **shinned**, **shin'ning** to climb a pole, etc. by gripping with hands and legs: also **shin'ny**: with *up* or *down*

**shin'bone** *n.* TIBIA

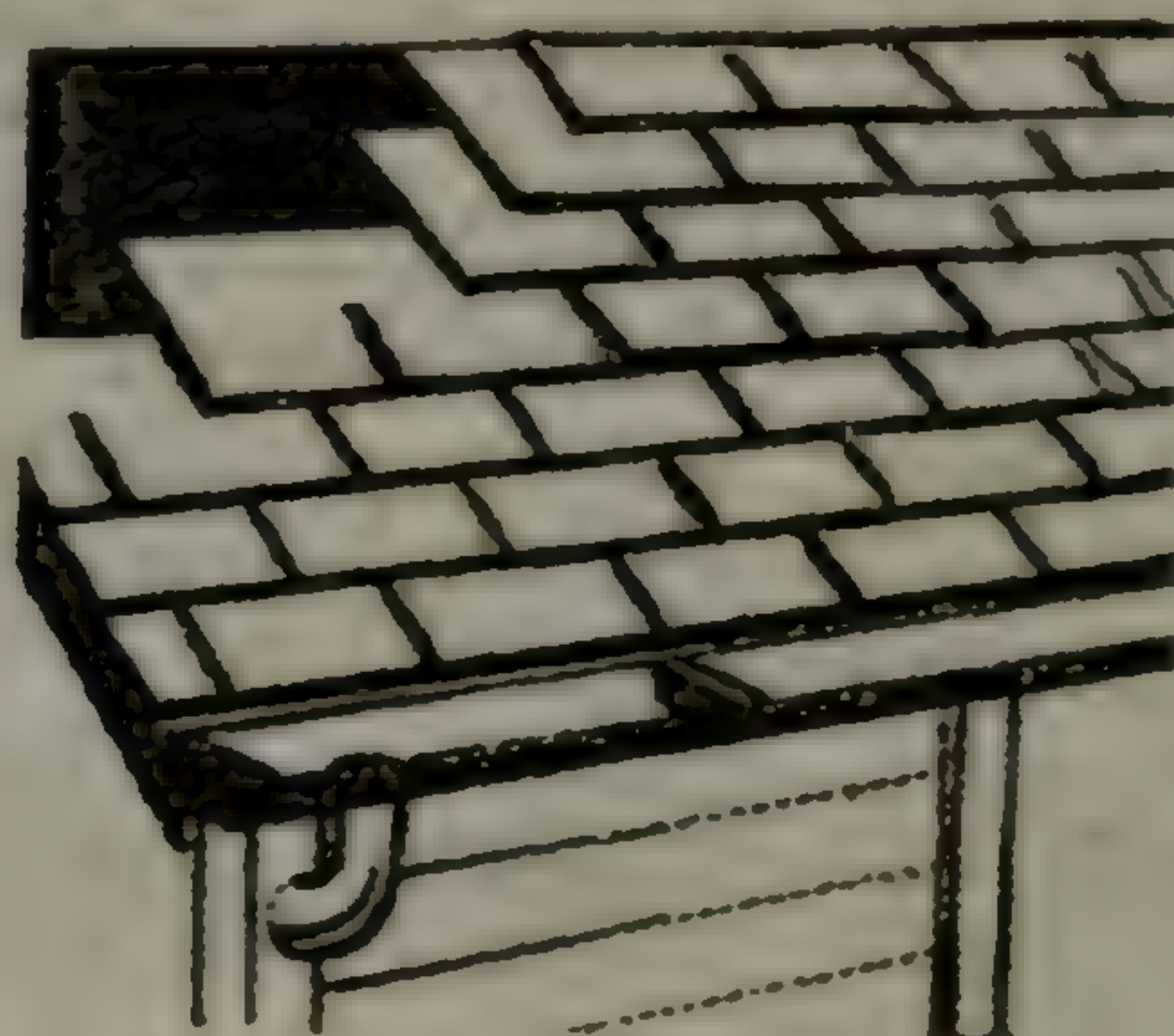
**shin-dig** (shin'dig') *n.* [ < old informal *shindy*, commotion] [Inf.] a dance, party, or other informal gathering

**shine** (shīn) *vi.* shone or, esp. for *vt.* 2, **shined**, **shin'ing** [OE *scinan*] 1 to emit or reflect light 2 to stand out; excel 3

to exhibit itself clearly [love shining from her face] — *vt.* 1 to direct the light of 2 to make shiny by polishing [to shine shoes] — *n.* 1 brightness 2 luster; gloss 3 short for SHOESHINE

**shin-er** (shī'nər) *n.* [Slang] BLACK EYE

**shin-gle** (shin'gəl) *n.* [OE *scindel*] 1 a thin, wedge-shaped piece of wood, slate, etc. laid with others in overlapping rows, as in covering roofs 2 a small signboard, as that of a doctor — *vt.* -gled, -gling to cover (a roof, etc.) with shingles



SHINGLES

**shin-gles** (shin'gəlz) *n.* [ < L *cingere*, to gird] nontechnical name for HERPES ZOSTER

**shin-guard** (shin'gärd') *n.* a padded guard worn to protect the shins in some sports

**shin'splints'** *pl.n.* [ < SHIN & *splint*, growth on bone of a horse's leg] [with *sing.* or *pl. v.*] painful strain of muscles of the lower leg

**Shin-to** (shin'tō) *n.* [Jpn < Chin *shen*, god + *tō*, *dō*, way] a religion of Japan, emphasizing ancestor worship — **Shin'to-ism'** *n.*

**shin-y** (shī'nē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 bright; shining 2 highly polished — **shin'i-ness** *n.*

**ship** (ship) *n.* [OE *scip*] 1 any large vessel for traveling on deep water 2 an aircraft — *vt.* **shipped**, **ship'ping** 1 to put or take on board a ship 2 to send or transport by any carrier [to ship coal by rail] 3 to take in (water) over the side, as in a stormy sea 4 to put (an object) in place on a vessel 5 [Inf.] to send (away, out, etc.); get rid of — *vi.* to go aboard, or travel by, ship — **ship'per** *n.*

**-ship** (ship) [OE *-scipe*] *suffix* 1 the quality or state of being [friendship] 2 *a*) the rank or office of [professorship] *b*) one having the rank of [lordship] 3 skill as [leadership] 4 all persons (of a specified group) collectively [reader-ship]

**ship'board'** *n.* used chiefly in on ship-board, aboard a ship

**ship'build'er** *n.* one whose business is building ships — **ship'build'ing** *n.*

**ship'mate'** *n.* a fellow sailor on the same ship

**ship'ment** *n.* 1 the shipping of goods 2 goods shipped

**ship of the line** a warship of the largest class

**ship'ping** *n.* 1 the act or business of transporting goods 2 ships collectively, as of a nation or port

**shipping clerk** an employee who



prepares goods for shipment, and keeps records of shipments made

**ship'shape'** *adj.* having everything neatly in place; trim

**ship'wreck'** *n.* 1 the remains of a wrecked ship 2 the loss of a ship through storm, etc. 3 ruin; failure —*vt.* to cause to undergo shipwreck

**ship'yard'** *n.* a place where ships are built and repaired

**shire** (shīr) *n.* [OE *scir*, office] in England, a county

**shirk** (shurk) *vt., vi.* [ < ? ] to neglect or evade (a duty, etc.) —**shirk'er** *n.*

**shirr** (shar) *vt.* [ < ? ] 1 to make shirring in (cloth) 2 to bake (eggs) in buttered dishes

**shirr'ing** *n.* a gathering made in cloth by drawing the material up on parallel rows of short stitches

**shirt** (shurt) *n.* [OE *scyrte*] 1 a garment worn on the upper part of the body, usually with a collar and a buttoned front 2 an undershirt —**keep one's shirt on** [Slang] to remain patient or calm

**shirt'tail'** *n.* the part of a shirt extending below the waist

**shirt'waist'** *n.* 1 [Archaic] a woman's blouse tailored like a shirt 2 a dress with a bodice like this: in full **shirtwaist dress**

**shish ke-bab** (shish' kə bāb') [ < Ar *shīsh*, skewer + *kabāb*, kebab ] a dish of kebabs, esp. lamb, stuck on a skewer, often with vegetables, and broiled

**shiv** (shiv) *n.* [prob. < Romany *chiv*, blade] [Slang] a knife

**shiv'er**<sup>1</sup> (shiv'ər) *n.* [ME *schievere*] a fragment —*vt., vi.* to break into fragments; shatter

**shiv'er**<sup>2</sup> (shiv'ər) *vi.* [ < ? OE *ceafl*, jaw ] to shake or tremble, as from fear or cold —*n.* a shaking, trembling, etc. — **shiv'er-y** *adj.*

**shlep** or **shlepp** (shlep) *n., vt., vi.* shlepped, shlep'ping [Slang] *alt. sp. of SCHLEP*

**shmaltz** (shmôlts, shmälts) *n.* [Slang] *alt. sp. of SCHMALTZ*

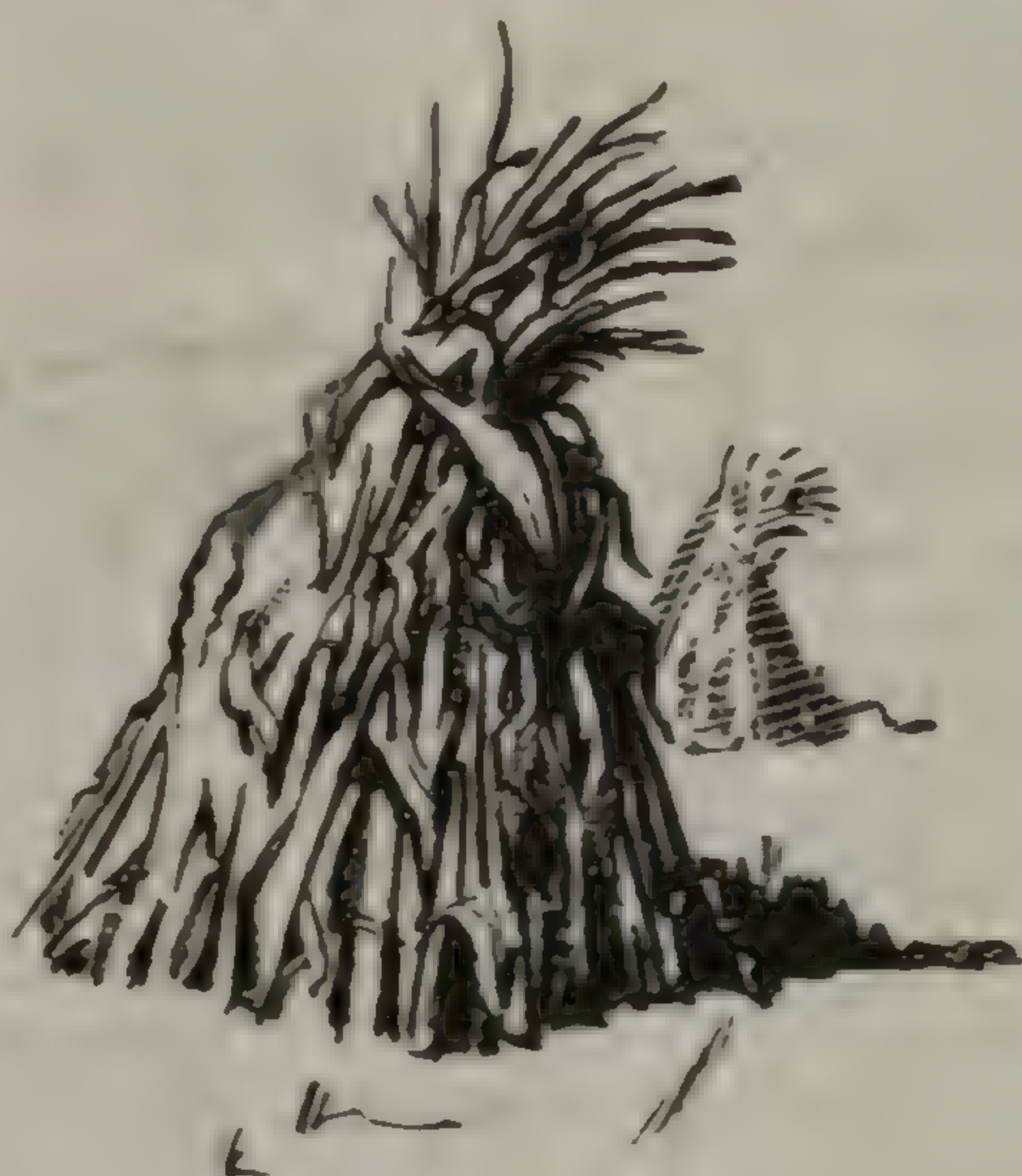
**shoal**<sup>1</sup> (shōl) *n.* [OE *scolu*] a school of fish

**shoal**<sup>2</sup> (shōl) *n.* [ < OE *sceald*, shallow ] 1 a shallow place in a river, sea, etc. 2 a sandbar forming a shallow place

**shoat** (shōt) *n.* [ME *schote*] a young, weaned pig

**shock**<sup>1</sup> (shāk) *n.* [ < MFr *choquer*, to collide ] 1 a sudden, powerful blow, shake, etc. 2 *a*) a sudden emotional disturbance *b*) the cause of this 3 an extreme stimulation of the nerves by the passage of electric current through the body 4 [Inf.] *short for SHOCK ABSORBER* 5 a disorder of the blood circulation produced by hemorrhage, disturbance of heart function, etc. —*vt.* 1 to astonish, horrify, etc. 2 to produce electrical shock in —**shock'er** *n.*

**shock**<sup>2</sup> (shāk) *n.* [ME *schokke*] a number of grain sheaves stacked together



SHOCKS OF CORN

**shock**<sup>3</sup> (shāk) *n.* [ < ? prec. ] a thick, bushy mass of hair

**shock absorber** a device, as on a motor vehicle, that absorbs the force of bumps and jarring

**shock'ing** *adj.* 1 causing great surprise and distress 2 disgusting —**shock'ing-ly** *adv.*

**shock'proof** *adj.* able to absorb shock without being damaged

**shock therapy** the treatment of certain mental disorders by using electricity or drugs to produce convulsions or coma

**shock troops** troops trained to lead an attack

**shod** (shād) *vt. alt. pt. & pp. of SHOE*

**shod-dy** (shād'ē) *n., pl. -dies* [ < ? ] an inferior woolen cloth made from used fabrics —*adj. -di-er, -di-est* 1 made of inferior material 2 poorly done or made 3 contemptible; low —**shod'di-ly** *adv.* —**shod'di-ness** *n.*

**shoe** (shō) *n.* [OE *sceoh*] 1 an outer covering for the foot 2 *short for HORSE-SHOE* 3 the part of a brake that presses against a wheel —*vt. shod or shoed, shoe'ing* to furnish with shoes —*fill someone's shoes* to take someone's place

**shoe'horn'** *n.* an implement used to help slip the heel of a foot into a shoe —*vt. to force or squeeze into a narrow space*

**shoe'lace'** *n.* a length of cord, etc. used for lacing and fastening a shoe

**shoe'mak'er** *n.* one whose business is making or repairing shoes

**shoe'shine'** *n.* the cleaning and polishing of a pair of shoes

**shoe'string'** *n.* 1 a shoelace 2 a small amount of capital [a business started on a *shoestring*] —*adj.* 1 like a shoestring; long and narrow 2 of or characterized by a small amount of money 3 at or near the ankles [a *shoestring* catch]

**shoe tree** a form made of wood, etc. inserted in a shoe to stretch it or preserve its shape

**sho-gun** (shō'gun') *n.* [ < Chin *chiang-chun* ] any of the hereditary governors of Japan who, until 1867, were absolute rulers —**sho'gun-ate** (-gə nit) *n.*

**shone** (shōn) *vi., vt. alt. pt. & pp. of*



## SHINE

**shoo** (shoo) *interj.* go away! get out! —*vt.* shooed, shoo'ing to drive away, as by crying "shoo"

**shoo'-in'** *n.* [Inf.] one expected to win easily in a race, etc.

**shook** (shook) *vt., vi. pt. and dial. pp. of SHAKE* —**shook up** [Inf.] upset; agitated

**shoot** (shoot) *vt.* shot, shoot'ing [OE *sceotan*] 1 to move swiftly over, by, etc. [to shoot the rapids] 2 to streak or vary (with another color, etc.) 3 to thrust or put forth 4 to discharge or fire (a bullet, arrow, etc.) 5 to send forth swiftly or with force 6 to hit, wound, etc. with a bullet, arrow, etc. 7 to photograph 8 *Sports a)* to throw or drive (a ball, etc.) toward the objective *b)* to score (a goal, points, etc.) —*vi.* 1 to move swiftly 2 to be felt suddenly, as pain 3 to grow rapidly 4 to jut out 5 to send forth a missile; discharge bullets, etc. 6 to use guns, etc. as in hunting —*n.* 1 a shooting trip, contest, etc. 2 a new growth; sprout —**shoot at** (or **for**) [Inf.] to strive for —**shoot'er** *n.*

**shooting star** METEOR (sense 1)

**shoot'out' or shoot'-out'** *n.* 1 a battle with handguns, etc., as between police and criminals 2 *Sports* a procedure used to break a tie at the end of a game, esp. in soccer

**shop** (shäp) *n.* [OE *sceoppa*, booth] 1 a place where certain things are offered for sale; esp., a small store 2 a place where a particular kind of work is done —*vi.* shopped, shop'ping to visit shops to examine or buy goods —**talk shop** to discuss one's work

**shop'keep'er** *n.* one who owns or operates a shop, or small store

**shop'lift'** *vt., vi.* to steal (articles) from a store during shopping hours — **shop'lift'er** *n.*

**shoppe** (shäp) *n. alt. sp. of SHOP (n. 1):* now used only in shop names

**shop'per** *n.* 1 one who shops 2 one hired by a store to shop for others 3 one hired by a store to compare competitors' prices, etc.

**shopping center** a complex of stores, restaurants, etc. with a common parking area

**shop'talk'** *n.* 1 the specialized words and idioms of those in the same work 2 talk about work, esp. after hours

**shop'worn'** *adj.* soiled, faded, etc. from having been displayed in a shop

**shore**<sup>1</sup> (shôr) *n.* [ME *schore*] land at the edge of a body of water

**shore**<sup>2</sup> (shôr) *n.* [ME *schore*] a prop, beam, etc. used for support, etc. —*vt.* shored, shor'ing to support as with shores; prop (*up*)

**shore'bird'** *n.* a bird that lives or feeds near the shore

**shore'line'** *n.* the edge of a body of water

**shore patrol** a detail of the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps acting as military police on shore

**shorn** (shôrn) *vt., vi. alt. pp. of SHEAR*

**short** (shôrt) *adj.* [OE *scort*] 1 not measuring much from end to end in space or time 2 not great in range or scope 3 not tall 4 brief; concise 5 not retentive [a short memory] 6 curt; abrupt 7 less than a sufficient or correct amount 8 crisp or flaky, as pastry rich in shortening 9 designating a sale of securities, etc. which the seller does not yet own but expects to buy later at a lower price —*n.* 1 something short 2 [*pl.*] *a)* short trousers *b)* a man's undergarment like these 3 *short for a)* SHORTSTOP *b)* SHORT CIRCUIT —*adv.* 1 abruptly; suddenly 2 briefly; concisely 3 so as to be short in length 4 by surprise [caught short] —*vt., vi.* 1 to give less than what is needed or usual 2 *short for a)* SHORTCHANGE *b)* SHORT-CIRCUIT —**in short** briefly —**run short** to have less than enough —**short of** 1 less than or lacking 2 without actually resorting to —**short'ness** *n.*

**short'age** *n.* a deficiency in the amount needed or expected; deficit

**short'bread'** *n.* a rich, crumbly cake or cookie made with much shortening

**short'cake'** *n.* a light biscuit or a sweet cake served with fruit, etc.

**short'change'** *vt., vi.* -changed', -chang'ing [Inf.] 1 to give less money than is due in change 2 to cheat by depriving of something due

**short circuit** 1 a usually accidental connection between two points in an electric circuit, resulting in excessive current flow that causes damage 2 popularly, a disrupted electric circuit caused by this —**short'-cir'cuit** *vt., vi.*

**short'com'ing** *n.* a defect or deficiency

**short'cut'** *n.* 1 a shorter route 2 any way of saving time, effort, etc.

**short'en** *vt., vi.* to make or become short or shorter

**short-en-ing** (shôrt'n in, shôrt'nin) *n.* edible fat used to make pastry, etc. crisp or flaky

**short'fall'** *n.* a falling short, or the amount of the shortage

**short'hand'** *n.* any system of speed writing using symbols for words

**short'-hand'ed** *adj.* short of workers

**short'-lived'** (-livd', -livd') *adj.* having a short life span or existence

**short'ly** *adv.* 1 briefly 2 soon 3 abruptly and rudely; curtly

**short order** any food that can be cooked or served quickly when ordered

**short'-range'** *adj.* reaching over a short distance or period of time

**short ribs** the rib ends from the front half of a side of beef

**short shrift** very little care or attention —**make short shrift of** to dispose of quickly and impatiently

**short'sight'ed** *adj.* 1 NEARSIGHTED 2 lacking in foresight —**short'sight'ed-ly** *adv.* —**short'sight'ed-ness** *n.*

**short'-spo'ken** *adj.* using few words, esp. to the point of rudeness; curt

**short'stop'** *n.* *Baseball* the infielder usually positioned to the left of second base

**short story** a piece of prose fiction



shorter than a short novel

**short subject** a short film, as that shown with a film feature

**short'-tem'pered** *adj.* easily or quickly angered

**short'-term'** *adj.* for or extending over a short time

**short ton** 2,000 pounds: see TON

**short'-waist'ed** (-wās'tid) *adj.* unusually short between shoulders and waistline

**short'wave'** *n.* 1 a radio wave 60 meters or less in length: shorter than the waves used in commercial broadcasting 2 a radio or radio band for broadcasting or receiving shortwaves: in full **shortwave radio**

**short'-wind'ed** (-win'did) *adj.* easily put out of breath by exertion

**shot**<sup>1</sup> (shät) *n.* [OE *sceot*] 1 the act of shooting 2 range; scope 3 an attempt or try 4 a pointed, critical remark 5 the path of an object thrown, etc. 6 *a*) a projectile for a gun *b*) projectiles collectively 7 small pellets of lead or steel for a shotgun 8 the heavy metal ball used in the shot put 9 a marksman 10 a photograph or a film sequence 11 a hypodermic injection 12 a drink of liquor —**call the shots** [Inf.] to direct or control what is done

**shot**<sup>2</sup> (shät) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of SHOOT* — *adj.* [Inf.] ruined or worn out

**shot'gun'** *n.* 1 a gun for firing a charge of shot at short range 2 *Football* a formation in which the quarterback stands several yards behind the line of scrimmage to receive the ball

**shot put** a contest in which a heavy metal ball is propelled with an overhand thrust from the shoulder —**shot'-put'ter** *n.* —**shot'-put'ting** *n.*

**should** (shood) *v. aux.* [OE *sceolde*] 1 *pt. of SHALL* 2 used to express: *a*) obligation, duty, etc. [you *should* help] *b*) expectation or probability [he *should* be here soon] *c*) a future condition [if I *should* die tomorrow]

**shoul-der** (shöl'där) *n.* [OE *sculdor*] 1 *a*) the joint connecting the arm or forelimb with the body *b*) the part of the body including this joint 2 [*pl.*] the two shoulders and the part of the back between them 3 a shoulderlike projection 4 the land along the edge of a paved road —*vt.* 1 to push along or through, as with the shoulder 2 to carry upon the shoulder 3 to assume the burden of —**straight from the shoulder** without reserve; frankly —**turn (or give) a cold shoulder to** to snub or shun

**shoulder blade** SCAPULA

**shoulder harness** an anchored strap passing across the chest, used with a seat belt, as in a car: also called **shoulder belt**

**shout** (shout) *n.* [ME *schoute*] a loud cry or call —*vt., vi.* to utter or cry out in a shout —**shout'er** *n.*

**shove** (shuv) *vt., vi.* shoved, **shov'ing** [OE *scufan*] 1 to push, as along a surface 2 to push roughly —*n.* a push —**shove off** 1 to push (a boat) away from shore 2 [Inf.] to leave

**shov-el** (shuv'al) *n.* [OE *scofl*] a tool with a broad scoop or blade and a long handle, for lifting and moving loose material —*vt.* -eled or -elled, -el-ing or -el-ling 1 to move with a shovel 2 to dig out with a shovel

**shov'el-ful'** *n., pl. -fuls'* as much as a shovel will hold

**show** (shō) *vt.* showed, **shown** or **showed**, **show'ing** [OE *sceawian*] 1 to bring or put in sight 2 to guide; conduct 3 to point out 4 to reveal, as by behavior 5 to prove; demonstrate 6 to bestow (favor, mercy, etc.) —*vi.* 1 to be or become seen; appear 2 to be noticeable 3 to finish third or better in a horse race —*n.* 1 a showing or demonstration 2 pompous display 3 pretense [sorrow that was mere *show*] 4 a public display or exhibition 5 a presentation of entertainment —**show off** 1 to make a display of 2 to attract attention to oneself —**show up** 1 to expose 2 to be seen 3 to arrive

**show'biz'** (-biz') *n.* [Inf.] SHOW BUSINESS

**show'boat'** *n.* 1 a boat with a theater and actors who play river towns 2 [Slang] a showoff —*vi.* [Slang] to show off

**show business** the theater, films, TV, etc. as a business or industry

**show'case'** *n.* a glass-enclosed case for displaying things, as in a store —*vt.* -cased', -cas'ing to display to good advantage

**show'down'** *n.* [Inf.] an action that brings matters to a climax or settles them

**show-er** (shou'ər) *n.* [OE *scur*] 1 a brief fall of rain, etc. 2 a sudden, abundant fall or flow, as of sparks 3 a party at which gifts are presented to the guest of honor 4 a bath in which the body is sprayed from overhead with fine streams of water —*vt.* 1 to spray with water, etc. 2 to pour forth as in a shower —*vi.* 1 to fall or come as a shower 2 to bathe under a shower —**show'er-y** *adj.*

**show-ing** (shō'in) *n.* 1 a bringing to view or notice; exhibition 2 a performance, appearance, etc. [a good *showing* in the contest]

**show-man** (shō'mən) *n., pl. -men* (-mən) 1 one whose business is producing shows 2 a person skilled at presenting anything in a striking manner —**show'man-ship'** *n.*

**shown** (shōn) *vt., vi. alt. pp. of SHOW*

**show'off'** *n.* one who shows off

**show of hands** a raising of hands, as in voting or volunteering

**show'piece'** *n.* 1 something displayed or exhibited 2 something that is a fine example of its kind

**show'place'** *n.* 1 a place displayed to the public for its beauty, etc. 2 any beautiful place

**show'room'** *n.* a room where merchandise is displayed for advertising or sale

**show'time'** *n.* the time when a show begins

**show window** a store window in which



merchandise is displayed

**show'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 of striking appearance 2 attracting attention in a gaudy way —**show'i-ness** *n.*

**shpt** *abbrev.* shipment

**shrank** (*shrank*) *vt., vi. alt. pt. of SHRINK*

**shrap-nel** (*shrap'nəl*) *n.* [after Gen. H. Shrapnel (1761-1842), its Brit inventor] 1 an artillery shell filled with an explosive charge and small metal balls 2 these balls 3 any fragments scattered by an exploding shell, bomb, etc.

**shred** (*shred*) *n.* [OE *screade*] 1 a narrow strip cut, torn off, etc. 2 a fragment —*vt.* **shred'ded** or **shred**, **shred'ding** to cut or tear into shreds —**shred'da-ble** *adj.* —**shred'der** *n.*

**Shreve-port** (*shrēv'pôrt'*) city in NW Louisiana: pop. 199,000

**shrew** (*shrōō*) *n.* [< OE *screawa*] 1 a small, mouselike mammal with a long snout 2 a nagging, bad-tempered woman —**shrew'ish** *adj.*

**shrewd** (*shrōōd*) *adj.* [see prec.] clever or sharp in practical affairs; astute —**shrewd'ly** *adv.* —**shrewd'ness** *n.*

**shriek** (*shrēk*) *vi., vt.* [ME *schriken*] to make or utter with a loud, piercing cry —*n.* such a cry

**shrift** (*shrift*) *n.* [ult. < L *scribere*, write] [Archaic] confession to and absolution by a priest: see also SHORT SHRIFT

**shrike** (*shrik*) *n.* [OE *scric*] a shrill-voiced, predatory songbird with a hooked beak

**shrill** (*shril*) *adj.* [echoic] producing a high, thin, piercing sound —*vi., vt.* to utter (with) a shrill sound —**shrill'ly** *adv.* —**shrill'ness** *n.*

**shrimp** (*shrimp*) *n.* [OE *scrimman*, to shrink] 1 a small, long-tailed crustacean, valued as food 2 [Inf.] a small or insignificant person

**shrine** (*shrin*) *n.* [< L *scrinium*, box] 1 a container holding sacred relics 2 a saint's tomb 3 a place of worship 4 any hallowed place

**shrink** (*shrink*) *vi.* **shrank** or **shrunk**, **shrunk** or **shrunk'en**, **shrink'ing** [OE *scrincan*] 1 to contract, as from heat, cold, moisture, etc. 2 to lessen, as in amount 3 to draw back; flinch —*vt.* to make shrink —**shrink'a-ble** *adj.*

**shrink'age** *n.* 1 a shrinking 2 the amount of shrinking

**shrinking violet** a very shy person

**shrink'-wrap'** (-rap') *vt.* -**wrapped'**, -**wrap'ing** to wrap in a plastic material that is then shrunk by heating to fit tightly —*n.* a wrapping of such material

**shrive** (*shriv*) *vt.* **shrived** or **shrove**, **shriv-en** (*shriv'an*) or **shrived**, **shriv'ing** [OE *scrifan*] [Archaic] to hear the confession of and absolve

**shriv-el** (*shriv'al*) *vt., vi.* -**eled** or -**elled**, -**el-ing** or -**el-ling** [prob. < Scand] to shrink and wrinkle or wither

**shroud** (*shroud*) *n.* [OE *scrud*] 1 a cloth used to wrap a corpse for burial 2 something that covers, veils, etc. 3 any of the ropes from a ship's side to a

masthead —*vt.* to hide; cover

**Shrove Tuesday** [see SHRIVE] the last day before Lent

**shrub** (*shrub*) *n.* [OE *scrybb*, brush-wood] a low, woody plant with several stems; bush —**shrub'by** *adj.*

**shrub'ber-y** (-ər ē) *n.* shrubs collectively

**shrug** (*shrug*) *vt., vi.* **shrugged**, **shrug'ing** [ME *schruggen*] to draw up (the shoulders), as in indifference, doubt, etc. —*n.* the gesture so made —**shrug off** to dismiss or disregard in a carefree way

**shrunk** (*shrunk*) *vi., vt. alt. pt. & pp. of SHRINK*

**shrunk'en** *vi., vt. alt. pp. of SHRINK* —*adj.* contracted in size; shriveled

**shtick** (*shtik*) *n.* [Yiddish] 1 a comic scene or gimmick 2 an attention-getting device

**shuck** (*shuk*) *n.* [< ?] a shell, pod, or husk —*vt.* to remove shucks from

**shucks** (*shuks*) *interj.* used to express mild disappointment, embarrassment, etc.

**shud-der** (*shud'ər*) *vi.* [ME *schoderen*] to shake or tremble, as in horror —*n.* a shuddering

**shuf-*fl*e** (*shuf'al*) *vt., vi.* -**fled**, -**fling** [prob. < LowG *schuffeln*] 1 to move (the feet) with a dragging gait 2 to mix (playing cards) 3 to mix together in a jumble —*n.* a shuffling —**shuf'fler** *n.*

**shuf'fl-e-board'** *n.* [< earlier *shovel board*] a game in which disks are pushed with a cue toward numbered squares on a diagram

**shun** (*shun*) *vt.* **shunned**, **shun'ning** [OE *scunian*] to keep away from; avoid scrupulously

**shunt** (*shunt*) *vt., vi.* [ME *schunten*] 1 to move or turn to one side 2 to switch from one track to another: said as of a train —*n.* 1 a shunting 2 a railroad switch 3 a surgically created channel allowing flow from one organ, etc. to another

**shush** (*shush*) *interj.* [echoic] hush! be quiet! —*vt.* to say "shush" to

**shut** (*shut*) *vt.* **shut**, **shut'ting** [OE *scytan*] 1 to move (a door, lid, etc.) so as to close (an opening, container, etc.) 2 *a*) to prevent entrance to or exit from *b*) to confine *in* a room, etc. 3 to bring together the parts of (a book, the eyes, etc.) —*vi.* to be or become shut —*adj.* closed, fastened, etc. —**shut down** to cease operating —**shut off** to prevent passage of or through —**shut out** 1 to deny entrance to 2 to prevent from scoring —**shut up** 1 to confine 2 [Inf.] to stop or cause to stop talking

**shut'down'** *n.* a stoppage of work or activity, as in a factory

**shut'-eye'** *n.* [Slang] sleep

**shut'-in'** *adj.* confined indoors by illness —*n.* an invalid who is shut-in

**shut'out'** *n.* a game in which a team is kept from scoring

**shut-ter** (*shut'ər*) *n.* 1 a person or thing that shuts 2 a movable cover for a window 3 a device for opening and closing the aperture of a camera lens —*vt.* to close or furnish with a shutter



**shut-tle** (shut'tl) *n.* [**<** OE *scytel*, missile] 1 a device that carries thread back and forth, as in weaving 2 *a*) a traveling back and forth over a short route *b*) an airplane, bus, etc. used in a shuttle —**vt.**, **vi.** -tled, -tling to move back and forth rapidly

**shut'tle-cock'** (-kāk') *n.* in badminton, a rounded piece of cork having a flat end stuck with feathers, or a similar plastic device

**shy**<sup>1</sup> (shī) *adj.* shy'er or shi'er, shy'est or shi'est [**<** OE *sceoh*] 1 easily frightened; timid 2 not at ease with others; bashful 3 distrustful; wary 4 [Slang] lacking —**vi.** shied, shy'ing 1 to move suddenly as when startled 2 to be or become cautious, etc. —shy'ly *adv.* —shy'ness *n.*

**shy**<sup>2</sup> (shī) **vt.**, **vi.** shied, shy'ing [**<** ?] to fling, esp. sideways

**shy-ster** (shī'stər) *n.* [**<** prob. **<** Ger *scheisser*, one who defecates] [Slang] a lawyer who uses unethical or tricky methods

**Si** *Chem.* symbol for silicon

**Si-am** (sī am') *former name for THAILAND*

**Si-a-mese** (sī'ə mēz') *n.*, *pl.* -mese' 1 *former name for THAI* 2 a domestic cat with blue eyes and a light-colored coat —*adj.* *former term for THAI*

**Siamese twins** [**<** after such a pair born in *Siam*] any pair of twins born with bodies joined together

**Si-ber-i-a** (sī bir'ē ə) *region in N Asia, between the Urals & the Pacific: Asian section of Russia* —**Si-ber'i-an** *adj.*, *n.*

**sib-i-lant** (sib'ə lənt) *adj.* [**<** L *sibilare*, to hiss] having or making a hissing sound —*n.* a sibilant consonant, as (s) or (z)

**sib-ling** (sib'liŋ) *n.* [**<** OE *sib*, kinsman + -LING] a brother or sister

**sib-yl** (sib'əl) *n.* [**<** Gr *sibylla*] ancient Greek or Roman prophetess —**sib'yl-line'** (-īn', -ēn') *adj.*

**sic** (sik) **vt.** sicced or sicked, sic'cing or sick'ing [**<** SEEK] to incite (a dog) to attack

**sic** (sik, sēk) *adv.* [**<** L] thus; so: used within brackets, [sic], to show that a quoted passage, esp. one containing an error, is reproduced accurately

**Sic-i-ly** (sis'ə lē) *island of Italy, off its S tip* —**Si-cil-i-an** (sī sil'yən) *adj.*, *n.*

**sick**<sup>1</sup> (sik) *adj.* [**<** OE *seoc*] 1 suffering from disease; ill 2 having nausea 3 of or for sick people [sick leave] 4 deeply disturbed, as by grief 5 disgusted by an excess [sick of excuses] 6 [Inf.] sadistic, morbid, etc. [a sick joke] —the sick sick people —**sick'ish** *adj.*

**sick**<sup>2</sup> (sik) **vt.** *alt. sp. of SIC* (incite)

**sick bay** a hospital and dispensary on a ship

**sick'bed'** *n.* the bed of a sick person

**sick'en** **vt.**, **vi.** to make or become ill, disgusted, etc. —**sick'en-ing** *adj.*

**sick'ie** (-ē) *n.* [Slang] a sick person, esp. one who is emotionally disturbed, sadistic, etc.

**sick-le** (sik'al) *n.* [**<** ult. **<** L *secare*, to cut] a tool having a crescent-shaped blade

on a short handle, for cutting tall grasses and weeds

**sickle cell anemia** an inherited chronic anemia found chiefly among black people, in which defective hemoglobin causes sickle-shaped red blood cells

**sick'ly** *adj.* -li-er, -li-est 1 in poor health 2 produced by sickness [a sickly pallor] 3 faint 4 weak

**sick'ness** *n.* 1 a being sick or diseased 2 a malady 3 nausea

**sick'out'** *n.* a staying out of work on the claim of illness, as by a group of employees trying to win demands but forbidden to strike

**sick'room'** *n.* the room of a sick person

**side** (sīd) *n.* [**<** OE] 1 the right or left half, as of the body 2 a position beside one 3 *a*) any of the lines or surfaces that bound something *b*) either of the two bounding surfaces of an object that are not the front, back, top, or bottom 4 either of the two surfaces of paper, cloth, etc. 5 an aspect [his cruel side] 6 any location, etc. with reference to a central point 7 the position or attitude of one person or faction opposing another 8 one of the parties in a contest, conflict, etc. 9 a line of descent —*adj.* 1 of, at, or on a side 2 to or from one side [a side glance] 3 secondary [a side issue] —**vi.** to align oneself (*with* a faction, etc.) —**side by side** together —**take sides** to support a faction

**side'arm'** *adj.*, *adv.* with a forward arm motion at or below shoulder level

**side arm** a weapon worn at the side or waist, as a sword or pistol: *often used in pl.*

**side'bar'** *n.* a short article about a sidelight of a major news story and printed alongside it

**side'board'** *n.* a piece of furniture for holding linen, china, silverware, etc.

**side'burns'** *pl.n.* [**<** *burnsides*, side whiskers worn by A. E. Burnside, Civil War general] the hair growing on the sides of a man's face, just in front of the ears

**side'car'** *n.* a small car attached to the side of a motorcycle

**side dish** any food served along with the main course, usually in a separate dish

**side effect** an incidental effect, as an unrelated symptom produced by a drug

**side'kick'** *n.* [Slang] 1 a close friend 2 a partner; confederate

**side'light'** *n.* a bit of incidental knowledge or information

**side'line'** *n.* 1 either of two lines marking the side limits of a playing area, as in football 2 a secondary line of merchandise, work, etc.

**side'long'** *adv.* toward the side —*adj.* directed to the side: said as of a glance

**side'man'** (-man') *n.*, *pl.* -men' (-men') a band member other than the leader or soloist

**side'piece'** *n.* a piece on the side of something

**si-de-re-al** (sī dir'ē əl) *adj.* [**<** L *sidus*, star] with reference to the stars



**side'sad'dle** *n.* a saddle designed for a rider sitting with both legs on the same side of the animal —*adv.* on or as if on a sidesaddle

**side'show** *n.* a small show in connection with the main show, as of a circus

**side'slip** *vi.* -slipped', -slip'ping to slip or skid sideways —*vt.* to cause to side-slip —*n.* a slip or skid to the side

**side'split'ting** *adj.* 1 very hearty: said of laughter 2 very funny

**side'step** *vt., vi.* -stepped', -step'ping to dodge as by stepping aside

**side'swipe** *vt.* -swiped', -swip'ing to hit along the side in passing —*n.* such a glancing blow

**side'track** *vt., vi.* 1 to switch (a train) to a siding 2 to turn away from the main issue

**side'walk** *n.* a path for pedestrians, usually paved, along the side of a street

**side'wall** *n.* the side of a tire between the tread and the wheel rim

**side'ways** (-wāz') *adv., adj.* 1 toward or from one side 2 with one side forward Also **side'wise** (-wīz')

**sid-ing** (sīd'in) *n.* 1 a covering, as of overlapping boards, for the outside of a frame building 2 a short railroad track connected with a main track by a switch and used for unloading, etc.

**si-dle** (sīd'l) *vi.* -dled, -dling [*< sidelining, sideways*] to move sideways, esp. shyly or stealthily

**SIDS** (sidz) *abbrev.* SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

**siege** (sēj) *n.* [*ult. < L sedere, sit*] 1 the encirclement of a fortified place by an enemy intending to take it 2 any persistent attempt to gain control, etc. — **lay siege to** to subject to a siege

**si-en-na** (sē en'ə) *n.* [*It*] yellowish brown or reddish brown

**si-er-ra** (sē er'ə) *n.* [*Sp < L serra, a saw*] a range of hills or mountains with a saw-toothed appearance

**Si-er-ra Le-one** (sē er'ə lē ōn') country in W Africa, on the Atlantic: 27,925 sq. mi.; pop. 3,518,000

**si-es-ta** (sē es'tə) *n.* [*Sp < L sexta (hora), sixth (hour), noon*] a brief nap or rest after the noon meal

**sieve** (siv) *n.* [*OE sife*] a utensil with many small holes for straining liquids, etc.; strainer

**sift** (sift) *vt.* [*OE siftan*] 1 to pass (flour, etc.) through a sieve 2 to examine (evidence, etc.) with care 3 to separate [*to sift fact from fable*] —*vi.* to pass as through a sieve —**sift'er** *n.*

**sigh** (sī) *vi.* [*< OE sican*] 1 to take in and let out a long, deep, audible breath, as in sorrow, relief, or longing 2 to feel longing or grief (*for*) —*n.* the act or sound of sighing

**sight** (sit) *n.* [*< OE seon, to see*] 1 something seen or worth seeing 2 the act of seeing 3 a device to aid the eyes in aiming a gun, etc. 4 aim or an observation taken, as on a sextant 5 the power or range of seeing; eyesight 6 [*Inf.*] anything that looks unpleasant, odd,

etc. —*vt.* 1 to observe 2 to glimpse; see 3 to aim at 4 to adjust the sights of —*vi.* to look carefully [*sight along the line*] —**at (or on) sight** as soon as seen —**by sight** by appearance —**not by a long sight** 1 not nearly 2 not at all —**out of sight** 1 not in sight 2 far off 3 [*Inf.*] beyond reach 4 [*Slang*] excellent; wonderful

**sight'ed** *adj.* 1 having sight; not blind 2 having (a specified kind of) sight [*far-sighted*]

**sight'ing** *n.* an observation, as of something rare

**sight'less** *adj.* blind

**sight'ly** *adj.* -li-er, -li-est pleasant to the sight —**sight'li-ness** *n.*

**sight reading** the skill of performing written music on first sight —**sight'-read** *vt., vi.*

**sight'see'ing** *n.* the visiting of places of interest —**sight'seer** (-sē'ər) *n.*

**sig·ma** (sig'mə) *n.* the eighteenth letter of the Greek alphabet (Σ, σ, ς)

**sign** (sīn) *n.* [*< L signum*] 1 something that indicates a fact, quality, etc.; token 2 a gesture that conveys information, etc. 3 a mark or symbol having a specific meaning [*a dollar sign (\$)*] 4 a placard, etc. bearing information, advertising, etc. 5 any trace or indication —*vt.* 1 to write (one's name) on (a letter, check, contract, etc.) 2 to engage by written contract —*vi.* to write one's signature —**sign in (or out)** to sign a register on arrival (or departure) —**sign off** to stop broadcasting, as for the day —**sign off on** to approve

**sign'age** *n.* public signs collectively, often, specif., when graphically coordinated

**sig·nal** (sig'nəl) *n.* [*< L signum, a sign*] 1 a sign or event that initiates action [*a bugle signal to attack*] 2 a gesture, device, etc. that conveys command, warning, etc. 3 in radio, etc., the electrical impulses transmitted or received —*adj.* 1 remarkable; notable 2 used as a signal —*vt., vi.* -naled or -nalled, -nal-ing or -nal-ling 1 to make a signal or signals (to) 2 to communicate by signals

**sig'nal-ize** (-nə līz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to make known or draw attention to

**sig'nal-ly** *adv.* in a signal way; notably

**sig-na-to-ry** (sig'nə tōr'ē) *adj.* having joined in signing something —*n., pl.* -ries a signatory person, nation, etc.

**sig-na-ture** (sig'nə chər) *n.* [*< L signare, to sign*] 1 a person's name written by that person 2 *Music* a staff sign showing key or time

**sign·board** (sīn'bōrd') *n.* a board bearing a sign or advertisement

**sig·net** (sig'nit) *n.* [*< Fr signe, a sign*] a seal, as on a ring, used in marking documents as official, etc.

**sig-nif-i-cance** (sig nif'ə kəns) *n.* 1 that which is signified; meaning 2 the quality of being significant; expressiveness 3 importance

**sig-nif'i-cant** (-kənt) *adj.* [*< L significare, signify*] 1 having or expressing a meaning, esp. a special or hidden one 2 full of meaning 3 important —**sig-nif'i-**



cant-ly adv.

**sig-ni-fy** (sig'nə fī') vt. -fied', -fy'ing [*< L signum, a sign + facere, make*] 1 to be an indication of; mean 2 to make known by a sign, words, etc. —vi. to be important —**sig'ni-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**sign language** hand signals and gestures used, as by the deaf, as a language

**sign of the cross** an outline of a CROSS (sense 2) made symbolically by moving the hand or fingers

**sign of the zodiac** any of the twelve divisions of the zodiac, each represented by a symbol

**si-gnor** (sē nyô'r') *n.*, *pl.* -**gno'ri** (-nyô'rē) [It] 1 [S-] Mr.: Italian title 2 a man; gentleman

**si-gno-ra** (sē nyô'rä) *n.*, *pl.* -**gno're** (-re) [It] 1 [S-] Mrs.; Madam: Italian title 2 a married woman

**si-gno-ri-na** (sē'nyô rē'nä) *n.*, *pl.* -**rī'ne** (-ne) [It] 1 [S-] Miss: Italian title 2 an unmarried woman or a girl

**sign'post** *n.* 1 a post bearing a sign 2 an obvious clue, symptom, etc.

**Sikh** (sēk, sik) *n.* [Hindi, disciple] a member of a monotheistic religion founded in N India

**si-lage** (sī'lij) *n.* green fodder preserved in a silo

**si-lence** (sī'ləns) *n.* 1 a keeping silent 2 absence of sound 3 an omission of mention —vt. -lenced, -lenc-ing 1 to make silent 2 to put down; repress —**interj.** be silent!

**si'lenc-er** *n.* 1 one that silences 2 a device to muffle the sound of a gun

**si-lent** (sī'lənt) *adj.* [*< L silere, be silent*] 1 making no vocal sound; mute 2 not talkative 3 still; noiseless 4 not expressed; tacit 5 not active [a silent partner] —**si'lent-ly** *adv.*

**sil-hou-ette** (sil'ə wet') *n.* [Fr, after E. de *Silhouette*, 18th-c. Fr statesman] 1 a solid, usually black, outline drawing, esp. a profile 2 any dark shape seen against a light background —vt. -et'ted, -et'ting to show in silhouette

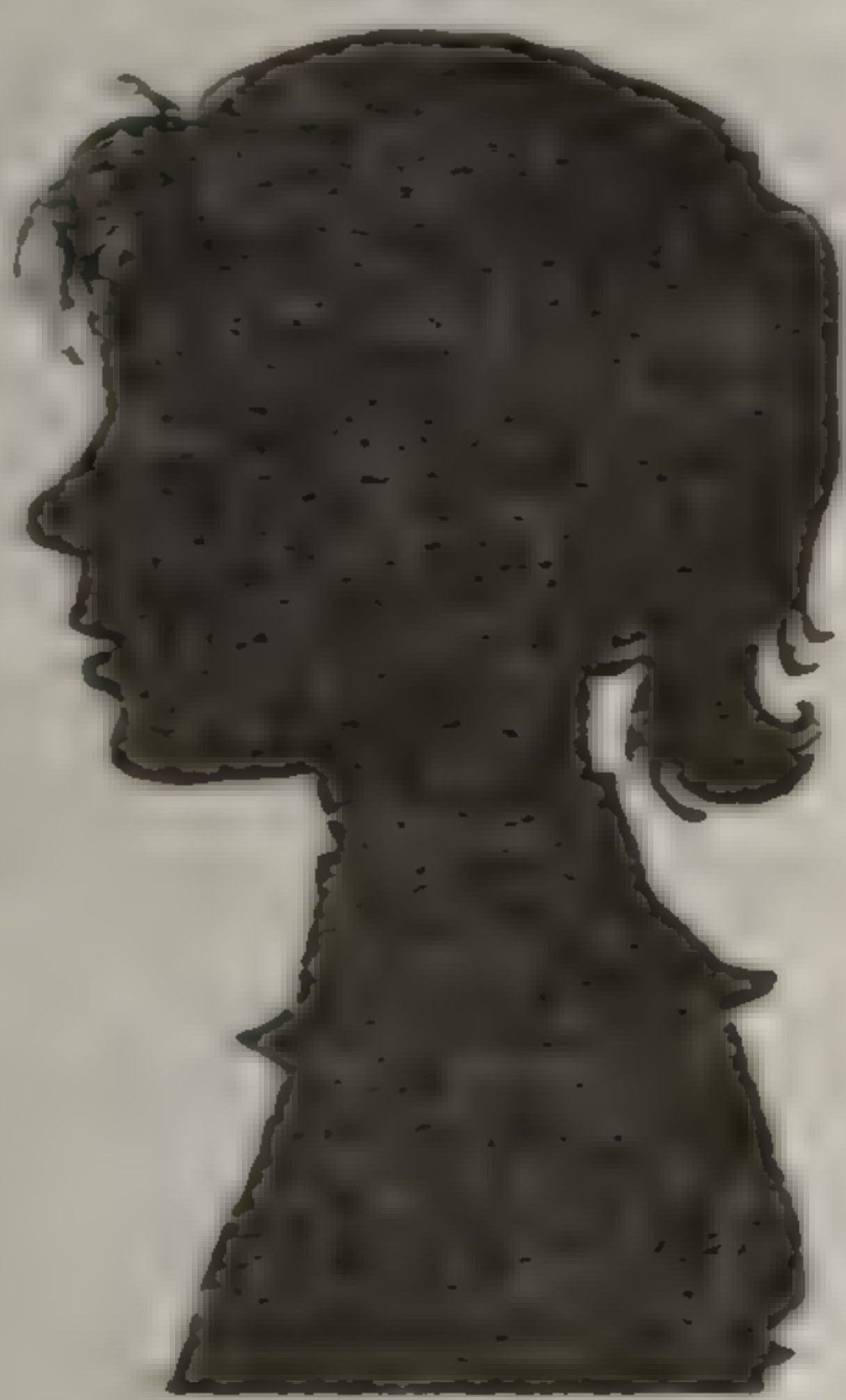
**sil-i-ca** (sil'i kə) *n.* [*< L silex, flint*] a hard, glassy mineral found in a variety of forms, as in quartz, opal, or sand —**si-li-ceous** (sə lish'əs) *adj.*

**sil'i-cate** (-kit, -kāt') *n.* a salt or ester derived from silica

**sil'i-con** (-kän', -kən) *n.* [ult. *< L silex, flint*] a nonmetallic chemical element found always in combination

**sil'i-cone** (-kôn') *n.* an organic silicon compound highly resistant to heat, water, etc.

**Silicon Valley** [after the material used for electronic chips] *name for an area near San Francisco: a center of high-technology activities*



SILHOUETTE

**sil'i-co'sis** (-kō'sis) *n.* [see SILICON & -OSIS] a chronic lung disease from inhaling silica dust

**silk** (silk) *n.* [ult. *< ? L sericus, (fabric) of the Seres, prob. the Chinese*] 1 a) the fine, soft fiber produced by silkworms b) thread or fabric made from this 2 any silklike filament or substance —**silk'en** *adj.* —**silk-y** (sil'kē), -i-er, -i-est. *adj.* —**silk'i-ness** *n.*

**silk-screen process** a stencil method of printing a color design through a piece of silk or other fine cloth on which parts of the design not to be printed have been blocked out —**silk'-screen'** *vt.*

**silk'worm** *n.* any of certain moth caterpillars that produce cocoons of silk fiber

**sill** (sil) *n.* 1 a heavy horizontal timber or line of masonry supporting a house wall, etc. 2 a horizontal piece forming the bottom frame of a window or door opening

**sil-ly** (sil'ē) *adj.* -li-er, -li-est [*< OE sælig, happy*] having or showing little sense, judgment, or sobriety; foolish, absurd, etc. —**sil'li-ness** *n.*

**si-lo** (sī'lō) *n.*, *pl.* -los [*< Gr siros*] 1 an airtight pit or tower in which green fodder is preserved 2 an underground facility for a long-range ballistic missile

**silt** (silt) *n.* [prob. *< Scand*] a fine-grained, sandy sediment carried or deposited by water —vt., vi. to fill or choke up with silt

**sil-ver** (sil'vər) *n.* [*< OE seolfer*] 1 a white metallic chemical element that is very ductile and malleable: a precious metal 2 a) silver coin b) money; riches 3 silverware 4 a lustrous, grayish white —*adj.* 1 of, containing, or plated with silver 2 silvery 3 marking a 25th anniversary —vt. to cover with or as with silver

**sil'ver-fish'** *n.*, *pl.* -fish' a wingless insect with silvery scales and long feelers, found in damp places

**silver lining** some basis for hope or comfort in the midst of despair

**silver nitrate** a colorless crystalline salt, used in photography, as an antiseptic, etc.

**sil'ver-smith'** *n.* an artisan who makes and repairs silver articles

**sil'ver-tongued'** (-tund') *adj.* eloquent

**sil'ver-ware'** *n.* 1 articles, esp. tableware, made of or plated with silver 2 any metal tableware

**sil'ver-y** *adj.* 1 of, like, or containing silver 2 soft and clear in tone

**sim-i-an** (sim'ē ən) *adj.*, *n.* [*< L simia, an ape*] (of or like) an ape or monkey

**sim-i-lar** (sim'ə lər) *adj.* [*< L similis*] nearly but not exactly the same or alike —**sim'i-lar'i-ty** (-ler'ə tē), *pl.* -ties, *n.* —**sim'i-lar-ly** *adv.*

**sim-i-le** (sim'ə lē') *n.* [*< L, a likeness*] a figure of speech likening one thing to another by the use of *like*, *as*, etc. (Ex.: tears flowed like wine)

**si-mil-i-tude** (sə mil'ə tōd') *n.* [*< L similitudo*] likeness; resemblance

**sim-mer** (sim'ər) *vi.* [echoic] 1 to



remain at or just below the boiling point 2 to be about to break out, as in anger or revolt —*vt.* to keep at or just below the boiling point —*n.* a simmering

**si-mon-pure** (sī'mən pyoor') *adj.* [[after *Simon Pure*, a character in an 18th-c. play]] genuine; authentic

**si-mo-ny** (sī'mə nē, sim'ə-) *n.* [[after *Simon Magus*: Acts 8:9-24]] the buying or selling of sacraments or benefices

**sim-pa-ti-co** (sim pāt'i kō, -pat'-) *adj.* [[< It or Sp]] compatible or congenial

**sim-per** (sim'pər) *vi.* [[early Modern Eng]] to smile in a silly or affected way —*n.* such a smile

**sim-ple** (sim'pəl) *adj.* -pler, -plest [[< L *simplus*]] 1 having only one or a few parts; uncomplicated 2 easy to do or understand 3 without additions [the *simple* facts] 4 not ornate or luxurious; plain 5 without guile or deceit 6 without ostentation; natural 7 of low rank or position 8 stupid or foolish — **sim'ple-ness** *n.*

**simple interest** interest computed on principal alone, and not on principal plus interest

**sim'ple-mind'ed** *adj.* 1 artless; unsophisticated 2 foolish 3 mentally retarded

**sim'ple-ton** (-tən) *n.* a fool

**sim-plic-i-ty** (sim plis'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties 1 a simple state or quality; freedom from complexity 2 absence of elegance, luxury, etc.; plainness

**sim-pli-fy** (sim'plə fī') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing to make simpler or less complex — **sim'pli-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**sim-plis-tic** (sim plis'tik) *adj.* making complex problems unrealistically simple — **sim-plis'ti-cal-ly** *adv.*

**sim-ply** (sim'plē) *adv.* 1 in a simple way 2 merely [*simply* trying] 3 completely [*simply* furious]

**sim-u-late** (sim'yōō lāt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [[< L *simulare*]] 1 to give a false appearance of; feign 2 to look or act like — **sim'u-la'tion** *n.* — **sim'u-la'tor** *n.*

**si-mul-cast** (sī'məl kast') *vt.* -cast' or -cast'ed, -cast'ing to broadcast (a program) simultaneously by radio and television —*n.* a program so broadcast

**si-mul-ta-ne-ous** (sī'məl tā'nē əs) *adj.* [[< L *simul*, together]] occurring, done, etc. at the same time — **si'mul-ta-ne-i-ty** (-tə nē'ə tē, -nā'-) *n.* — **si'mul-ta-ne-ous-ly** *adv.*

**sin** (sin) *n.* [[OE *synne*]] 1 the willful breaking of religious or moral law 2 any offense or fault —*vi.* sinned, sin'ning to commit a sin

**Si-nai** (sī'nī'), *Mount Bible* the mountain where Moses received the law from God: Exodus 19

**since** (sins) *adv.* [[ult. < OE *sith*, after + *thæt*, that]] 1 from then until now [I've been here ever *since*] 2 at some time between then and now [he has *since* recovered] 3 before now; ago [long *since* gone] —*prep.* 1 continuously from (then) until now [*since* noon] 2 during the period between (then) and

now [twice *since* May] —*conj.* 1 after the time that [two years *since* they met] 2 continuously from the time when [lonely ever *since* she left] 3 because [*since* you're done, let's go]

**sin-cere** (sin sir') *adj.* -cer'er, -cer'est [[< L *sincerus*, pure]] 1 truthful; honest 2 genuine [*sincere* grief] — **sin-cere'ly** *adv.* — **sin-cer'i-ty** (-ser'ə tē) *n.*

**si-ne-cure** (sī'nə kyoor', sin'ə-) *n.* [[< L *sine*, without + *cura*, care]] any position providing an income but requiring little or no work

**si-ne di-e** (sī'nē dī'ē) [[LL, without a day]] for an indefinite period

**si-ne qua non** (sī'nē kwā nān', sin'ā kwā nōn') [[L, without which not]] an indispensable condition or thing

**sin-ew** (sin'yōō) *n.* [[OE *seonwe*]] 1 a tendon 2 muscular power; strength — **sin'ew-y** *adj.*

**sin'ful** *adj.* wicked; immoral — **sin'ful-ly** *adv.*

**sing**<sup>1</sup> (sin) *vi.* sang, sung, sing'ing [[OE *singan*]] 1 to produce musical sounds with the voice 2 to use song or verse in praise, etc. [of thee I *sing*] 3 to make musical sounds, as a songbird does 4 to hum, buzz, etc., as a bee does —*vt.* 1 to render (a song, etc.) by singing 2 to extol, etc. in song 3 to bring or put by singing [to *sing* a baby to sleep] —*n.* [Inf.] group singing — **sing'er** *n.*

**sing**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* singular

**sing'a-long'** *n.* an informal gathering of people to sing songs

**Sin-ga-pore** (sin'ə pōr') 1 island country off the S tip of the Malay Peninsula: 248 sq. mi.; pop. 2,930,000 2 its capital, a seaport on the S coast: pop. 2,756,000

**singe** (sinj) *vt.* singed, singe'ing [[OE *sengan*]] 1 to burn superficially 2 to expose (an animal carcass) to flame in removing feathers, etc. —*n.* 1 a singeing 2 a superficial burn

**sin-gle** (sin'gəl) *adj.* [[< L *singulus*]] 1 *a)* one only *b)* separate and distinct [every *single* time] 2 solitary 3 of or for one person or family 4 between two persons only [*single* combat] 5 unmarried 6 having only one part; not multiple, etc. 7 whole; unbroken [a *single* front] —*vt.* -gled, -gling to select from others: usually with *out* —*vi.* *Baseball* to hit a single —*n.* 1 a single person or thing 2 *Baseball* a hit on which the batter reaches first base 3 [*pl.*] *Racket Sports* a match with only one player on each side — **sin'gle-ness** *n.*

**sin'gle-breast'ed** (-bres'tid) *adj.* overlapping in front enough to fasten [a *sin-gle-breasted* coat]

**single file** 1 a single line of people or things, one behind another 2 in such a line

**sin'gle-hand'ed** *adj.*, *adv.* 1 using only one hand 2 without help — **sin'gle-hand'ed-ly** *adv.*

**sin'gle-mind'ed** *adj.* with only one aim or purpose — **sin'gle-mind'ed-ly** *adv.*

**sin'gle-ton** (-tən) *n.* 1 a playing card that is the only one of its suit held by a player 2 a single person or thing

**sin'gle-track'** *adj.* ONE-TRACK



**sin'gle-tree'** (-trē') *n.* [*< ME swingle, rod + tre, tree*] the crossbar on the hitch of a wagon, etc. to which the traces of a horse's harness are hooked

**sin-gly** (sin'glē) *adv.* 1 alone 2 one by one 3 unaided

**sing'song'** *n.* a monotonous rise and fall of tone, as in speaking

**sin-gu-lar** (sin'gyə lər) *adj.* [*< L singulus, single*] 1 unique 2 extraordinary; remarkable 3 peculiar; odd 4 *Gram.* designating only one —*n. Gram.* the singular form of a word —**sin'gu-lar'i-ty** (-ler'ə tē) *n.* —**sin'gu-lar-ly** *adv.*

**Sin-ha-lese** (sin'hə lēz', -lēz') *adj.* of Sri Lanka (island country of S Asia) or its principal people, language, etc. —*n.* 1 *pl.* -lese' a member of the Sinhalese people 2 the language of this people

**sin-is-ter** (sin'is tər) *adj.* [*< L sinister, left-hand (side)*] 1 [Archaic] on or to the left-hand side 2 threatening harm, evil, etc. 3 wicked; evil

**sink** (sɪŋk) *vi.* sank or sunk, sunk, **sink'ing** [*OE sincan*] 1 to go beneath the surface of water, etc. 2 to go down slowly 3 to appear to descend, as the sun does 4 to become lower, as in level, value, or rank 5 to subside: said as of wind or sound 6 to become hollow: said as of the cheeks 7 to pass gradually (*into sleep, etc.*) 8 to approach death —*vt.* 1 to cause to sink 2 to make (a mine, engraving, etc.) by digging, cutting, etc. 3 to invest 4 to defeat; undo —*n.* 1 a cesspool or sewer 2 a basin, as in a kitchen, with a drainpipe 3 an area of sunken land —**sink in** [*Inf.*] to be understood in full —**sink'a-ble** *adj.*

**sink'er** *n.* 1 one that sinks 2 a lead weight used in fishing

**sink'hole'** *n.* a surface depression resulting when ground collapses

**sinking fund** a fund built up over time to pay off a future debt, as of a corporation

**sin'ner** *n.* a person who sins

**Sino-** [*< Gr Sinai*] combining form Chinese and

**sin tax** a tax on something seen as sinful or harmful, as on liquor, tobacco, or gambling

**sin-u-ous** (sin'yō ōs) *adj.* [*< L sinus, a bend*] bending or winding in and out; wavy —**sin'u-os'i-ty** (-ās'ə tē) *n.* —**sin'u-ous-ly** *adv.*

**si-nus** (sī'nəs) *n.* [*L, a bend*] a cavity, hollow, etc.; specif., any of the air cavities in the skull opening into the nasal cavities

**si'nus-i'tis** (-it'is) *n.* inflammation of the sinuses, esp. those of the skull

**Sioux** (sō) *n., pl.* Sioux (sō, sōz) a member of a group of Indian tribes of the N U.S. and S Canada —*adj.* of these tribes

**sip** (sɪp) *vt., vi.* sipped, **sip'ping** [*ME sippen*] to drink a little at a time —*n.* 1 the act of sipping 2 a quantity sipped —**sip'per** *n.*

**si-phon** (sī'fən) *n.* [*< Gr siphōn, tube*] a bent tube for carrying liquid out over the edge of a container to a lower level —*vt.* to draw off through or as through a siphon



SIPHON

**sir** (sər) *n.* [*ME < sire, SIRE*] 1 [*sometimes S-*] a respectful term of address used to a man: not followed by the name 2 [*S-*] the title used before the name of a knight or baronet

**sire** (sīr) *n.* [*< OFr < L senior, compar. of senex, old*] 1 [*S-*] a title of respect used in addressing a king 2 [*Old Poet.*] a father or forefather 3 the male parent of a four-legged mammal —*vt.* **sired, sir'ing** to beget: said esp. of animals

**si-ren** (sī'rən) *n.* [*< Gr Seirēn*] 1 *Gr. & Rom. Myth.* any of several sea nymphs whose singing lures sailors to their death on rocky coasts 2 a woman considered seductive 3 a warning device producing a loud, wailing sound

**sir-loin** (sər'loin') *n.* [*< OFr sur, over + loigne, loin*] a choice cut of beef from the loin end in front of the rump

**si-roc-co** (sə räk'ō) *n., pl.* -cos [*It < Ar sharq, the east*] a hot, oppressive wind blowing from the deserts of N Africa into S Europe

**sir-ree** or **sir-ee** (sə rē') *interj.* [*< SIR*] used to provide emphasis after *yes* or *no*

**sir-up** (sər'əp, sir'-) *n. alt. sp. of SYRUP*

**sis** (sis) *n.* [*Inf.*] short for SISTER (senses 1-3)

**si-sal** (sī'səl, sis'al) *n.* [*after Sisal, in SE Mexico*] a strong fiber obtained from the leaves of an agave

**sis-sy** (sis'ē) *n., pl.* -sies [*dim. of SIS*] [*Inf.*] 1 an effeminate boy or man 2 a timid person —**sis'si-fied'** (-ə fid') *adj.*

**sis-ter** (sis'tər) *n.* [*< ON systir*] 1 a woman or girl as she is related to the other children of her parents 2 a half sister or stepsister 3 a female friend who is like a sister 4 a female fellow member of the same race, organization, etc. 5 [*often S-*] a nun 6 something of the same kind, model, etc. —**sis'ter-hood'** *n.* —**sis'ter-ly** *adj.*

**sis'ter-in-law'** *n., pl.* sis'ters-in-law' 1 the sister of one's spouse 2 the wife of one's brother 3 the wife of the brother of one's spouse

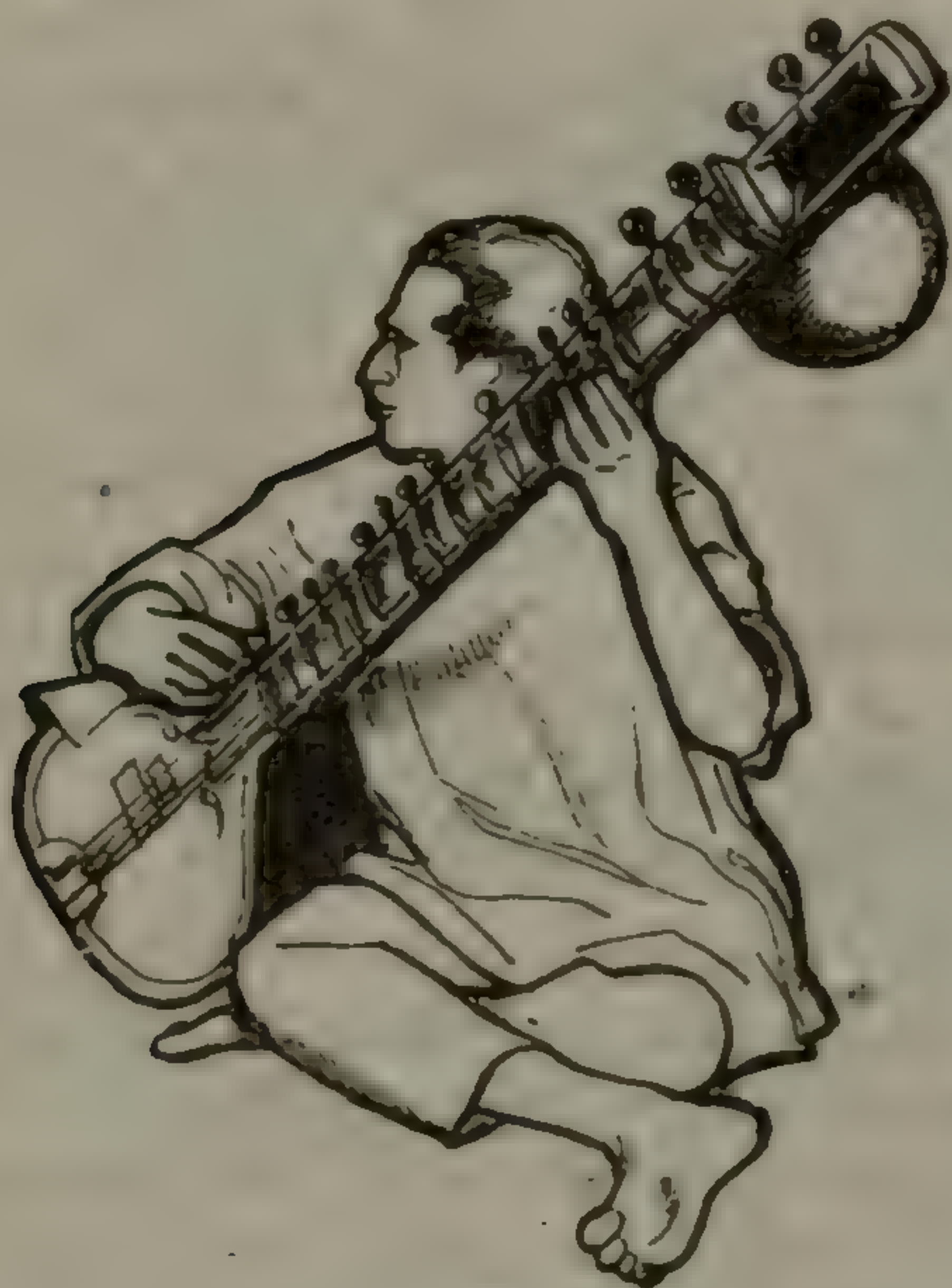
**Sis-y-phus** (sis'ə fəs) *Gr. Myth.* a greedy king doomed in Hades to roll uphill a stone which always rolls down again

**sit** (sit) *vi.* sat, **sit'ting** [*OE sittan*] 1 *a*) to rest oneself upon the buttocks, as on a chair *b*) to rest on the haunches with the forelegs braced (said of a dog, etc.) *c*) to perch (said of a bird) 2 to cover and warm eggs for hatching; brood 3 *a*)



to occupy a seat as a judge, legislator, etc. *b*) to be in session (said as of court) 4 to pose, as for a portrait 5 to be located 6 to rest or lie as specified [*cares sit lightly on him*] 7 **BABY-SIT** — **vt.** 1 to cause to sit; seat 2 to keep one's seat on (a horse, etc.) — **sit down** to take a seat — **sit in** to attend: often with *on* — **sit out** to take no part in (a dance, etc.) — **sit up** 1 to sit erect 2 to postpone going to bed 3 [Inf.] to become suddenly alert — **sit'er** *n.*

**si-tar** (si tār', si'tār') *n.* [[Hindi *sitār*] a lutelike instrument of India with a long, fretted neck



SITAR

**sit-com** (sit'kām') *n.* [Inf.] short for SITUATION COMEDY

**sit'-down'** (strike) a strike in which the strikers refuse to leave the premises

**site** (sit) *n.* [[< L *situs*, position]] a location or scene

**sit'-in'** *n.* a method of protest in which demonstrators sit in, and refuse to leave, a public place

**sit'ting** *n.* 1 the act or position of one that sits 2 a session, as of a court 3 a period of being seated

**sitting duck** [Inf.] a person or thing especially vulnerable to attack; easy target

**sit-u-ate** (sich'ōō āt') **vt.** -at'ed, -at'ing [[see SITE]] to put in a certain place or position; place; locate

**sit'u-a'tion** *n.* 1 location; position 2 condition with regard to circumstances 3 state of affairs 4 a position of employment

**situation comedy** a comic TV series made up of episodes involving the same group of characters

**sit'-up'** or **sit'up'** *n.* an exercise in which a person lying supine rises to a sitting position without using the hands

**sitz bath** (sits, zits) [[< Ger]] a therapeutic bath in which only the hips and buttocks are immersed

**Si-va** (sē'və, shē'-) *n.* Hindu god of destruction and reproduction

**six** (siks) **adj.**, *n.* [[OE *sex*]] one more than five; 6; VI — **sixth** **adj.**, *n.*

**six'-pack'** *n.* a package of six units, as

one with six cans of beer

**six'-shoot'er** *n.* [Inf.] a revolver having a cylinder that holds six cartridges: also **six'-gun'**

**six'teen'** (-tēn') **adj.** [[OE *sixtene*]] six more than ten; 16; XVI — **six'teenth'** **adj.**, *n.*

**sixth sense** intuitive power

**six-ty** (siks'tē) **adj.**, *n.*, *pl.* -ties [[OE *six-tig*]] six times ten; 60; LX — **the sixties** the numbers or years, as of a century, from 60 through 69 — **six'ti-eth** (-ith) **adj.**, *n.*

**siz-a-ble** (sī'zə bəl) **adj.** quite large or bulky: also *sp.* **size'a-ble**

**size**<sup>1</sup> (siz) *n.* [[ult. < L *sedere*, sit]] 1 that quality of a thing which determines how much space it occupies; dimensions or magnitude 2 any of a series of graded classifications of measure into which merchandise is divided — **vt.** **sized**, **siz'ing** to make or grade according to size — **size up** [Inf.] 1 to make an estimate or judgment of 2 to meet requirements

**size**<sup>2</sup> (siz) *n.* [[ME *syse*]] a pasty substance used as a glaze or filler on plaster, paper, cloth, etc. — **vt.** **sized**, **siz'ing** to fill, stiffen, or glaze with size

**-sized** (sīzd) *combining form* having a (specified) size [medium-sized]: also **-size**

**siz'ing** *n.* 1 **SIZE**<sup>2</sup> 2 the act of applying **SIZE**<sup>2</sup>

**siz-zle** (siz'əl) **vi.** -zled, -zling [[echoic]] 1 to make a hissing sound when in contact with heat 2 to be extremely hot — *n.* a sizzling sound

**S.J.** *abbrev.* Society of Jesus

**SK** Saskatchewan

**skate**<sup>1</sup> (skāt) *n.* [[< OFr *eschace*, stilt]] 1 a metal runner in a frame, fastened to a shoe for gliding on ice 2 a similar frame or shoe with wheels, for gliding on a floor, sidewalk, etc. — **vi.** **skat'ed**, **skat'ing** to glide or roll on or as on skates — **skat'er** *n.*

**skate**<sup>2</sup> (skāt) *n.* [[< ON *skata*]] any ray fish

**skate'board'** *n.* a short, oblong board with two wheels at each end, ridden standing up, as down an incline — **vi.** to ride on a skateboard

**ske-dad-dle** (ski dad'l) **vi.** -dled, -dling [[< ?]] [Inf.] to run away

**skeet** (skēt) *n.* [[< ON *skeyti*, projectile]] trapshooting in which the shooter fires from different angles

**skein** (skān) *n.* [[< MFr *escaigne*]] a quantity of thread or yarn in a coil

**skel-e-ton** (skel'ə tən) *n.* [[< Gr *skeletos*, dried up]] 1 the hard framework of bones of an animal body 2 a supporting framework 3 an outline, as of a book — **adj.** greatly reduced [a *skeleton* crew] — **skel'e-tal** **adj.**

**skeleton key** a key that can open many simple locks

**skep-tic** (skep'tik) *n.* [[L < Gr *skeptikos*, inquiring]] 1 an adherent of skepticism 2 one who habitually questions matters generally accepted 3 one who doubts religious doctrines

**skep'ti-cal** (-ti kəl) **adj.** doubting; ques-



tioning —**skep'ti-cal-ly** *adv.*

**skep'ti-cism'** (-tə siz'əm) *n.* 1 the doctrine that the truth of all knowledge must always be in question 2 skeptical attitude 3 doubt about religious doctrines

**sketch** (skech) *n.* [ult. < Gr *schedios*, extempore] 1 a rough drawing or design, done rapidly 2 a brief outline 3 a short, light story, play, etc. —*vt., vi.* make a sketch or sketches (of) —**sketch'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

**skew** (skyoo) *vi., vt.* [< OFr *eschiver*, shun < OHG] 1 to slant or set at a slant 2 to distort —*adj.* slanting —*n.* a slant or twist

**skew-er** (skyoo'er) *n.* [< ON *skifa*, a slice] a long pin used to hold meat together while cooking —*vt.* to fasten or pierce with or as with skewers

**ski** (skē) *n., pl. skis* [Norw < ON *skith*, snowshoe] either of a pair of long runners of wood, etc. fastened to shoes for gliding over snow —*vi.* skied, *ski'ing* to glide on skis —**ski'er** *n.*

**skid** (skid) *n.* [prob. < ON *skith*, snowshoe] 1 a plank, log, etc., often used as a track upon which to slide a heavy object 2 a low, wooden platform for holding loads 3 a runner on aircraft landing gear 4 a sliding wedge used to brake a wheel 5 the act of skidding —*vt., vi.* **skid'ded, skid'ding** to slide or slip, as a vehicle on ice —**be on (or hit) the skids** [Slang] to be on the decline, or to fail

**skid row** [altered < *skid road*, trail to skid logs along] a section of a city frequented by vagrants, derelicts, etc.

**skiff** (skif) *n.* [< It *schifo*] any light, open boat propelled by oars, motor, or sail

**ski lift** an endless cable with seats, for carrying skiers up a slope

**skill** (skil) *n.* [< ON *skil*, distinction] 1 great ability or proficiency 2 *a*) an art, craft, etc., esp. one involving the hands or body *b*) ability in such an art, etc. —**skilled** *adj.* —**skill'ful** or **skil'ful** *adj.*

**skil-let** (skil'it) *n.* [< ? L *scutra*, dish] a pan for frying

**skim** (skim) *vt., vi.* **skimmed, skim'ming** [ME *skimen*] 1 to remove (floating matter) from (a liquid) 2 to glance through (a book, etc.) without reading word for word 3 to glide lightly (over)

**skim milk** milk with the cream removed: also **skimmed milk**

**skimp** (skimp) *vi., vt.* **SCRIMP**

**skimp'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [Inf.] barely enough; scanty

**skin** (skin) *n.* [< ON *skinn*] 1 the outer covering of the animal body 2 a pelt 3 something like skin, as fruit rind, etc. —*vt.* **skinned, skin'ning** 1 to remove skin from 2 to injure by scraping (one's knee, etc.) 3 [Inf.] to swindle

**skin diving** underwater swimming with such gear as a face mask, flippers, scuba equipment, etc. —**skin'-dive', -dived', -div'ing, vi.** —**skin diver**

**skin'flick'** *n.* [Slang] a film emphasizing nudity or explicit sexual activity

**skin'flint'** *n.* [lit., one who would skin a flint for economy] a miser

**-skinned** *combining form* having (a specified kind of) skin [dark-skinned]

**skin'ny** *adj.* -ni-er, -ni-est without much flesh; very thin —**skin'ni-ness** *n.*

**skin'ny-dip'** *vi.* -dipped', -dip'ping [Inf.] to swim nude —*n.* [Inf.] a swim in the nude

**skin'tight'** *adj.* tightfitting [*skintight jeans*]

**skip** (skip) *vi., vt.* **skipped, skip'ping** [ME *skippen*] 1 to move along by hopping on first one foot and then the other 2 to ricochet or bounce 3 to pass from one point to another, omitting or ignoring (what lies between) 4 [Inf.] to leave (town, etc.) hurriedly —*n.* a skipping —**skip it!** [Inf.] it doesn't matter

**skip-per** (skip'er) *n.* [< MDu *schip*, a ship] the captain of a ship

**skir-mish** (skur'mish) *n.* [< It *schermire* < Gmc] 1 a brief fight between small groups, as in a battle 2 any slight, unimportant conflict —*vi.* to take part in a skirmish

**skirt** (skurt) *n.* [< ON *skyrt*, shirt] 1 that part of a dress, coat, etc. that hangs below the waist 2 a woman's garment that hangs from the waist 3 something like a skirt —*vt., vi.* to be on, or move along, the edge (of)

**ski run** a slope or course for skiing

**skit** (skit) *n.* [prob. ult. < ON *skjōta*, to shoot] a short, humorous sketch, as in the theater

**ski tow** a kind of ski lift for pulling skiers up a slope on their skis

**skit-ter** (skit'er) *vi.* [< Scand] to move along quickly and lightly

**skit-tish** (skit'ish) *adj.* [see SKIT & -ISH] 1 lively; playful 2 easily frightened; jumpy 3 fickle

**skiv-vy** (skiv'ē) *n., pl. -vies* [< ?] [Slang] 1 a man's, esp. a sailor's, short-sleeved undershirt: usually **skivvy shirt** 2 [*pl.*] men's underwear

**skoal** (sköl) *interj.* [< ON *skāl*, a bowl] to your health!: used as a toast

**skul-dug-ger-y** or **skull-dug-ger-y** (skul dug'er ē) *n.* [< obs. Scot] [Inf.] sneaky, dishonest behavior; trickery

**skulk** (skulk) *vi.* [ME *sculken*] to move in a stealthy manner; slink

**skull** (skul) *n.* [< Scand] 1 the bony framework of the head, enclosing the brain 2 the head; mind

**skull'cap'** *n.* a light, closefitting, brimless cap, usually worn indoors

**skunk** (skunk) *n.* [< AmInd] 1 a small, bushy-tailed mammal having black fur with white stripes down the back: it ejects a foul-smelling liquid when disturbed or frightened 2 its fur 3 [Inf.] a despicable person

**sky** (skī) *n., pl. skies* [< ON, a cloud] 1 [*often pl.*] the upper atmosphere [blue skies, a cloudy sky] 2 the firmament 3 heaven

**sky'box'** *n.* a private section of seats, often luxurious and usually elevated, in a stadium, etc.

**sky'cap'** *n.* a porter at an airport terminal



**sky diving** parachute jumping involving free-fall maneuvers

**sky'-high' adj.** very high —**adv.** 1 very high 2 in or to pieces

**sky'jack' vt.** to hijack (an aircraft) —**sky'jack'er n.**

**sky'lark' n.** a Eurasian lark famous for the song it utters as it soars —**vi.** to romp or frolic

**sky'light' n.** a window in a roof or ceiling

**sky'line' n.** 1 the visible horizon 2 the outline, as of a city, seen against the sky

**sky'rock'et n.** a fireworks rocket that explodes aloft —**vi., vt.** to rise or cause to rise rapidly

**sky'scrap'er n.** a very tall building

**sky'ward adv., adj.** toward the sky; also **sky'wards adv.**

**sky'way' n.** 1 AIR LANE 2 an elevated highway or walkway

**sky'writ'ing n.** the tracing of words, etc. in the sky by trailing smoke from an airplane —**sky'writ'er n.**

**slab (slab) n.** [ME *sclabbe*] a flat, broad, and fairly thick piece

**slack<sup>1</sup> (slak) adj.** [‹ OE *slæc*] 1 slow; sluggish 2 not busy; dull [a *slack* period] 3 loose; not tight 4 careless [a *slack* worker] —**vt., vi.** to slacken —**n.** 1 a part that hangs loose 2 a lack of tension 3 a dull period; lull —**cut someone some slack** [Slang] to demand less of someone —**slack off** to slacken —**slack'ness n.**

**slack<sup>2</sup> (slak) n.** [ME *sleck*] a mixture of small pieces of coal, coal dust, etc. left from screening coal

**slack·en (slak'ən) vt., vi.** 1 to make or become less active, brisk, etc. 2 to loosen or relax, as rope

**slack'er n.** one who shirks

**slacks (slaks) pl.n.** trousers for men or women

**slag (slag) n.** [‹ earlier LowG *slagge*] the fused refuse separated from metal in smelting

**slain (slān) vt. pp. of SLAY**

**slake (slāk) vt. slaked, slak'ing** [‹ OE *slæc*, SLACK<sup>1</sup>] 1 to satisfy (thirst, etc.) 2 to produce a chemical change in (lime) by mixing with water

**sla·lom (slä'ləm) n.** [Norw] a downhill ski race over a zigzag course —**vi.** to take part in a slalom

**slam (slam) vt. slammed, slam'ming** [prob. < Scand] 1 to shut, hit, throw, or put with force and noise 2 [Inf.] to criticize severely —**n.** 1 a slamming 2 [Inf.] a severe criticism

**slam'-bang' [Inf.] adv.** 1 swiftly or abruptly and recklessly 2 noisily —**adj.** lively, noisy, etc.

**slam'-dunk' n.** Basketball a forceful shot from directly above the basket

**slam·mer (slam'ər) n.** [Slang] a prison or jail

**slan·der (slan'dər) n.** [see SCANDAL] 1 the utterance of a falsehood that damages another's reputation 2 such a spoken statement —**vt.** to utter a slander

about —**slan'der·er n.** —**slan'der·ous adj.**

**slang (slan) n.** [‹ ?] highly informal speech that is outside standard usage and consists both of coined words and phrases and of new meanings given to established terms —**slang'y, -i·er, -i·est, adj.**

**slant (slant) vt., vi.** [‹ Scand] 1 to incline; slope 2 to tell so as to express a particular bias —**n.** 1 an oblique surface, line, etc. 2 a point of view or attitude —**adj.** sloping

**slap (slap) n.** [echoic] 1 a blow with something flat, as the palm of the hand 2 an insult or rebuff —**vt. slapped, slap'ping** 1 to strike with something flat 2 to put, hit, etc. with force

**slap'dash' adj.; adv.** hurried(ly), careless(ly), haphazard(ly), etc.

**slap'-hap'py adj.** [Slang] 1 dazed, as by blows 2 silly or giddy

**slap'stick' n.** crude comedy full of horseplay —**adj.** characterized by such comedy

**slash (slash) vt.** [‹ ? OFr *esclachier*, to break] 1 to cut with sweeping strokes, as of a knife 2 to cut slits in 3 to reduce drastically [*slash* prices] —**vi.** to make a sweeping stroke as with a knife —**n.** 1 a slashing 2 a cut made by slashing 3 a virgule —**slash'er n.**

**slash'-and-burn' adj.** 1 of a method of clearing fields by cutting down and burning vegetation 2 indiscriminately destructive

**slash pocket** a pocket (in a garment) with a finished diagonal opening

**slat (slat) n.** [‹ OFr *esclat*, fragment] a narrow strip of wood, metal, etc.

**slate (slāt) n.** [see prec.] 1 a hard, fine-grained rock that cleaves into thin, smooth layers 2 a thin piece of slate or slatelike material, as a roofing tile or writing tablet 3 the bluish-gray color of most slate: also **slate blue** —**vt. slat'ed, slat'ing** 1 to cover with slate 2 to designate, as for candidacy —**a clean slate** a record showing no marks of discredit, dishonor, etc.

**slath·er (slath'ər) vt.** [‹ ?] [Inf. or Dial.] to cover or spread on thickly

**slat·tern (slat'ərən) n.** [‹ dial. *slatter*, to slop] a slovenly or sluttish woman —**slat'tern·ly adj.**

**slaugh·ter (slôt'ər) n.** [‹ ON *slātr*, lit., slain flesh] 1 the killing of animals for food; butchering 2 the brutal killing of a person 3 the killing of many people, as in battle —**vt.** 1 to kill (animals) for food; butcher 2 to kill (people) brutally or in large numbers —**slaugh'ter·er n.**

**slaugh'ter·house' n.** a place where animals are butchered for food

**Slav (slāv, slav) n.** a member of a group of peoples of E and SE Europe, including Russians, Serbs, Czechs, Poles, etc. —**adj. var. of SLAVIC**

**slave (slāv) n.** [‹ Gr *Sklabos*, ult. < OSlav *Slovēne*, first used of captive Slavs] 1 a human being who is owned as property by another 2 one dominated by some influence, etc. 3 one who slaves —**vi. slaved, slav'ing** to work like a slave; drudge



**slave driver** 1 one who oversees slaves

2 any merciless taskmaster

**slav·er** (slav'ər) *vi.* [**< Scand**] to drool

**slav·er·y** (slā'vər.ē) *n.* 1 the owning of slaves as a practice 2 the condition of a slave; bondage 3 drudgery; toil

**Slav·ic** (slāv'ik, slav'-) *adj.* of the Slavs, their languages, etc. —*n.* a family of languages, including Russian, Polish, Czech, Bulgarian, etc.

**slav·ish** (slā'vish) *adj.* 1 of or like slaves; servile 2 blindly dependent or imitative —**slav'ish·ly** *adv.*

**slaw** (slō) *n.* [**Du** *slā* **< Fr** *salade*, salad] short for COLESLAW

**slay** (slā) *vt.* slew, slain, slay'ing [**OE** *slean*] to kill in a violent way —**slay'er** *n.*

**sleaze** (slēz) *n.* [**< SLEAZY**] [**Slang**] 1 sleaziness 2 someone or something sleazy

**slea·zoid** (slē'zoid') [**Slang**] *adj.* SLEAZY (sense 2) —*n.* a coarse or immoral person

**slea·zy** (slē'zē) *adj.* -zi·er, -zi·est [**< silesia**, orig. cloth made in central Europe] 1 flimsy or thin in substance 2 shoddy, shabby, immoral, etc. —**slea'zi·ly** *adv.* —**slea'zi·ness** *n.*

**sled** (sled) *n.* [**ME** *sledde*] a vehicle on runners for moving over snow, ice, etc. —*vt., vi.* sled'ded, sled'ding to carry or ride on a sled —**sled'der** *n.*

**sledge**<sup>1</sup> (slej) *n.* [**OE** *slecge*] SLEDGE-HAMMER

**sledge**<sup>2</sup> (slej) *n.* [**MDu** *sleedse*] a sled or sleigh

**sledge'ham'mer** *n.* [**see** SLEDGE<sup>1</sup>] a long, heavy hammer, usually held with both hands

**sleek** (slēk) *adj.* [**var. of SLICK**] 1 smooth and shiny; glossy 2 of well-fed or well-groomed appearance 3 suave, elegant, etc. —*vt.* to make sleek —**sleek'ly** *adv.* —**sleek'ness** *n.*

**sleep** (slēp) *n.* [**OE** *slæp*] 1 the natural, regularly recurring rest for the body, during which there is little or no conscious thought 2 any state like this —*vi.* slept, sleep'ing to be in a state of or like sleep —**sleep off** to rid oneself of by sleeping —**sleep'less** *adj.* —**sleep'less·ness** *n.*

**sleep'er** *n.* 1 one who sleeps 2 a railroad car with berths for sleeping; also sleeping car 3 a beam laid flat to support something 4 something that achieves an unexpected success

**sleeping bag** a warmly lined, zippered bag for sleeping in outdoors

**sleeping sickness** an infectious disease, esp. of Africa, transmitted by the tsetse fly and characterized by lethargy, prolonged coma, etc.

**sleep'o'ver** *n.* a spending the night at another's home, as by a group of young people for fun

**sleep'walk'ing** *n.* the act of walking while asleep —**sleep'walk'er** *n.*

**sleep'wear** *n.* NIGHTCLOTHES

**sleep'y** *adj.* -i·er, -i·est 1 ready or inclined to sleep; drowsy 2 dull; idle [*a sleepy town*] —**sleep'i·ly** *adv.* —**sleep'i·ness** *n.*

**sleet** (slēt) *n.* [**ME** *slete*] 1 partly frozen rain 2 the icy coating formed when rain freezes on trees, etc. —*vi.* to fall as sleet —**sleet'y** *adj.*

**sleeve** (slēv) *n.* [**OE** *sliefe*] 1 that part of a garment that covers the arm 2 a tubelike part fitting over or around another part —**up one's sleeve** hidden but ready at hand —**sleeve'less** *adj.*

**sleigh** (slā) *n.* [**Du** *slee*] a vehicle on runners, usually horse-drawn, for moving over snow, ice, etc.

**sleight of hand** (slīt) [**< ON** *slægr*, crafty] 1 skill with the hands, esp. in deceiving onlookers, as in magic 2 a trick thus performed

**slen·der** (slen'dər) *adj.* [**ME** *s(c)lendre* **< ?**] 1 long and thin 2 slim of figure 3 small in amount, size, force, etc. —**slen'der·ness** *n.*

**slen'der·ize'** *vt., vi.* -ized', -iz'ing to make or become slender

**slept** (slept) *vi., vt. pt. & pp. of SLEEP*

**sleuth** (slōth) *n.* [**< ON** *slóth*, a trail] [**Inf.**] a detective

**slew**<sup>1</sup> (slō) *n.* [**Ir** *sluagh*, a host] [**Inf.**] a large number or amount

**slew**<sup>2</sup> (slō) *vt. pt. of SLAY*

**slice** (slis) *n.* [**< OFr** *esclicier*] 1 a relatively thin, broad piece cut from something 2 a part or share —*vt.* sliced, slic'ing 1 to cut into slices 2 to cut off as in a slice or slices: often with *off*, *from*, *away*, etc. 3 to hit (a ball) so that it curves to the right if right-handed or the left if left-handed —**slic'er** *n.*

**slick** (slik) *vt.* [**OE** *slician*] 1 to make smooth 2 [**Inf.**] to make smart, neat, etc.: usually with *up* —*adj.* 1 sleek; smooth 2 slippery 3 adept; clever 4 [**Inf.**] smooth but superficial, tricky, etc. —*n.* 1 a smooth area on the water, as from a layer of oil 2 a slippery, oily area on the surface of a road —**slick'ly** *adv.* —**slick'ness** *n.*

**slick'er** *n.* 1 a loose, waterproof coat 2 [**Inf.**] a tricky person

**slide** (slid) *vi.* slid (slid), slid'ing [**OE** *slidan*] 1 to move along in constant contact with a smooth surface, as on ice 2 to glide 3 to slip [*it slid from his hand*] —*vt.* 1 to cause to slide 2 to place quietly or deftly (*in* or *into*) —*n.* 1 a sliding 2 a smooth, often inclined surface for sliding down 3 something that works by sliding 4 a photographic transparency for use with a viewer or projector 5 a small glass plate on which objects are mounted for microscopic study 6 the fall of a mass of rock, snow, etc. down a slope —**let slide** to fail to attend to properly

**slide fastener** a zipper or a zipperlike device with two grooved plastic edges joined or separated by a sliding tab

**slid'er** *n.* 1 one that slides 2 *Baseball* a fast pitch that curves

**sliding scale** a schedule, as of fees, wages, etc., that varies with given conditions, as cost of living, etc.

**slight** (slīt) *adj.* [**OE** *sliht*] 1 a) light in build; slender b) frail; fragile 2 lacking strength, importance, etc. 3 small



in amount or extent —**vt.** 1 to neglect 2 to treat with disrespect 3 to treat as unimportant —**n.** a slighting or being slighted —**slight'ly adv.** —**slight'ness n.**

**slim** (slim) **adj.** **slim'mer, slim'mest** [**<** Du, bad] 1 small in girth; slender 2 small in amount, degree, etc. —**vt., vi.** **slimmed, slim'ming** to make or become slim —**slim'ness n.**

**slime** (slīm) **n.** [**OE** *slim*] any soft, moist, slippery, often sticky matter — **slim'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

**sling** (slɪŋ) **n.** [**prob.** **<** ON *slyngua*, to throw] 1 a primitive instrument whirled by hand for throwing stones 2 a cast; throw; fling 3 *a*) a supporting band, etc. as for raising a heavy object *b*) a cloth looped from the neck under an injured arm for support —**vt.** **slung, sling'ing** 1 to throw as with a sling 2 to suspend

**sling'shot' n.** a Y-shaped piece of wood, etc. with an elastic band attached to it for shooting stones, etc.

**slink** (slɪŋk) **vi.** **slunk, slink'ing** [**OE** *slin-can*, to creep] to move in a furtive or sneaking way

**slink'y adj.** **-i-er, -i-est** 1 furtive; sneaking 2 [Slang] sinuous in movement or line

**slip<sup>1</sup>** (slɪp) **vi.** **slipped, slip'ping** [**ME** *slip-pen*, ult. **<** Ger] 1 to go quietly or secretly [to slip out of a room] 2 to pass smoothly or easily 3 to escape from one's memory, grasp, etc. 4 to slide, lose footing, etc. 5 to make a mistake; err 6 to become worse —**vt.** 1 to cause to slip 2 to put, pass, etc. deftly or stealthily 3 to escape from (the memory) —**n.** 1 a space between piers for docking ships 2 a woman's undergarment the length of a skirt 3 a pillow case 4 a slipping or falling down 5 an error or mistake —**let slip** to say without intending to —**slip up** to make a mistake

**slip<sup>2</sup>** (slɪp) **n.** [**<** MDu *slippen*, to cut] 1 a stem, root, etc. of a plant, used for planting or grafting 2 a young, slim person 3 a small piece of paper

**slip'case' n.** a boxlike container for a book or books, open at one end

**slip'cover n.** a removable, fitted cloth cover for a chair, sofa, etc.

**slip'knot' n.** a knot that will slip along the rope around which it is tied

**slip·page** (slɪp'ɪj) **n.** a slipping, as of one gear past another

**slipped disk** a ruptured cartilaginous disk between vertebrae

**slip·per** (slɪp'ər) **n.** a light, low shoe easily slipped on the foot, esp. one for indoor wear —**slip'pered adj.**

**slip·per·y** (slɪp'ər ē, slɪp'rē) **adj.** **-i-er, -i-est** 1 liable to cause slipping, as a wet surface 2 tending to slip away, as from a grasp 3 unreliable; deceitful

**slip'shod' (-shād')** **adj.** [**<** obs. *slip-shoe*, a slipper] careless, as in workmanship

**slip'-up' n.** [**Inf.**] an error: also **slip'up'**

**slit** (slɪt) **vt.** **slit, slit'ting** [**ME** *slitten*] 1 to cut or split open, esp. lengthwise 2 to cut into strips —**n.** a straight, narrow cut, opening, etc.

**slith·er** (slɪθ'ər) **vi.** [**<** OE *slidan*, to slide] to slip, slide, or glide along — **slith'er-y adj.**

**sliv·er** (slɪv'ər) **n.** [**<** OE *slifan*, to split] a thin, sharp piece cut or split off; splinter —**vt., vi.** to cut or break into slivers

**slob** (släb) **n.** [**Ir** *slab*, mud] [**Inf.**] a sloppy or coarse person

**slob·ber** (släb'ər) **vi.** [**prob.** **<** LowG *slubberen*, to swig] to drool

**sloe** (slō) **n.** [**OE** *sla*] 1 the blackthorn 2 its small, plumlike fruit

**sloe'-eyed' adj.** 1 having large, dark eyes 2 having almond-shaped eyes

**sloe gin** a liqueur of gin flavored with sloes

**slog** (släg) **vt., vi.** **slogged, slog'ging** [**ME** *sluggen*, go slowly] 1 to make (one's way) with great effort; plod 2 to toil (at) —**n.** an arduous trip, task, etc. —**slog'ger n.**

**slo·gan** (slō'gən) **n.** [**<** Gael *sluagh*, a host + *gairm*, a call: orig., a battle cry] 1 a motto associated with a political party, etc. 2 a catchy phrase used in advertising

**sloop** (slōöp) **n.** [**<** LowG *slupen*, to glide] a sailing vessel having a single mast with a mainsail and a jib

**slop** (släp) **n.** [**OE** *sloppe*] 1 watery snow or mud; slush 2 a puddle of spilled liquid 3 unappetizing, watery food 4 [often pl.] liquid waste —**vi., vt.** **slopped, slop'ping** to spill or splash

**slope** (slöp) **n.** [**<** OE *slupan*, to glide] 1 rising or falling ground 2 any inclined line, surface, etc.; slant 3 the amount or degree of deviation from the horizontal or vertical —**vi.** **sloped, slop'ing** to have an upward or downward inclination; incline; slant —**vt.** to cause to slope

**slop·py** (släp'ē) **adj.** **-pi-er, -pi-est** 1 splashy; slushy 2 *a*) slovenly *b*) slipshod 3 [**Inf.**] gushingly sentimental — **slop'pi-ness n.**

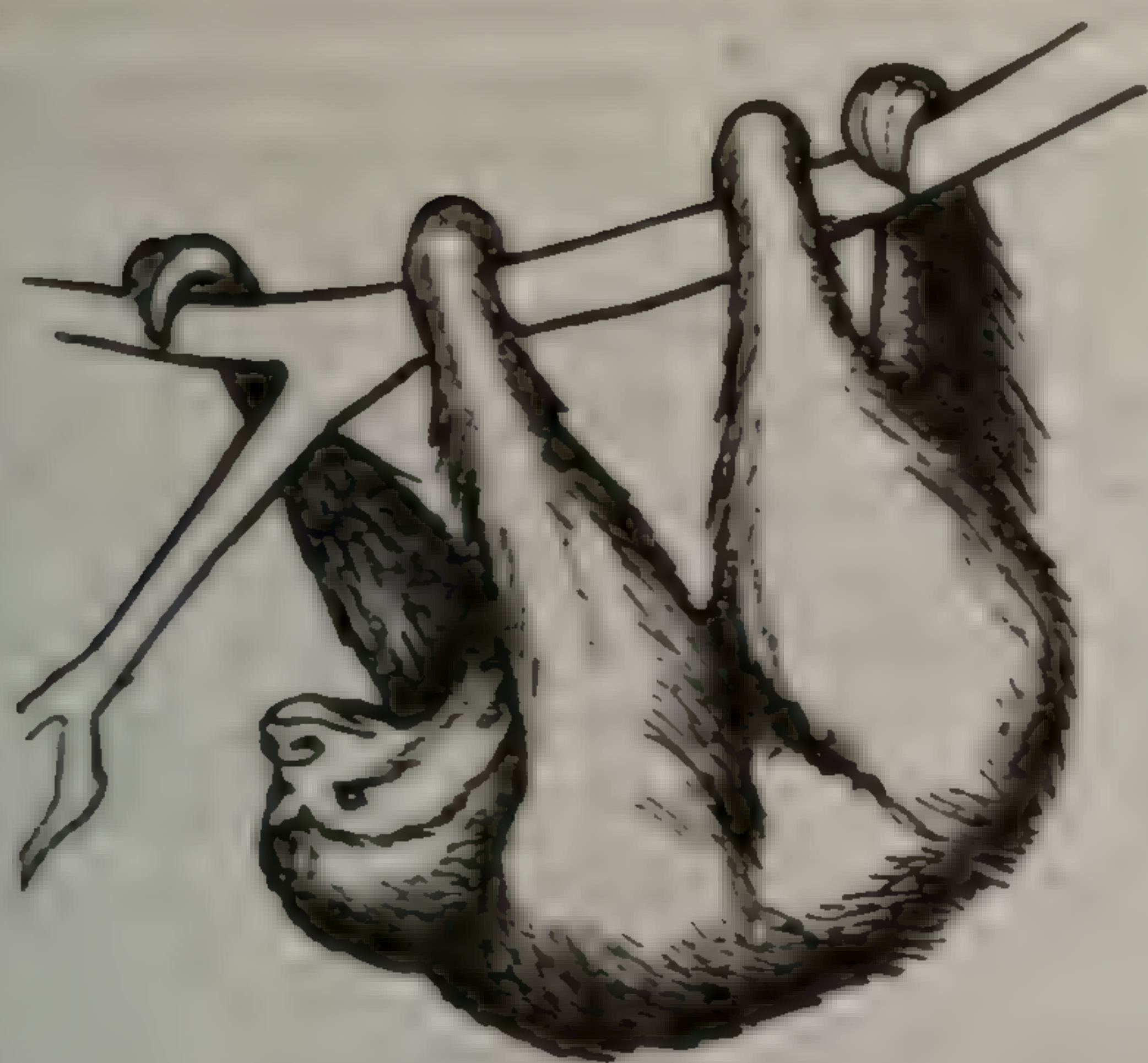
**sloppy Joe** (jō) ground meat cooked with tomato sauce, spices, etc. and served on a bun

**slosh** (släsh) **vi.** [**var.** of SLUSH] 1 to splash through water, mud, etc. 2 to splash about: said of a liquid —**n.** the sound of sloshing liquid —**slosh'y adj.**

**slot** (slät) **n.** [**<** OFr *esclot*, hollow between the breasts] 1 a narrow opening, as for a coin in a vending machine 2 [**Inf.**] a position in a group, etc. —**vt.** **slot'ted, slot'ting** 1 to make a slot in 2 [**Inf.**] to place in a series or sequence

**sloth** (slôth, släth; also slöth) **n.** [**<** OE *slaw*, slow] 1 laziness; idleness 2 a slow-moving, tree-dwelling mammal of tropical America that hangs, back down, from branches —**sloth'ful adj.** — **sloth'ful-ness n.**





THREE-TOED SLOTH

**slot machine** a machine, specif. a gambling device, activated by the insertion of a coin in a slot

**slouch** (slouch) *n.* [*< ON slōka, to droop*] 1 a lazy or incompetent person 2 a drooping or slovenly posture —*vi.* to sit, stand, walk, etc. in a slouch —**slouch'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

**slough**<sup>1</sup> (sluf) *n.* [*ME slouh, a skin*] a castoff layer or covering, as the skin of a snake —*vt.* to throw off; discard

**slough**<sup>2</sup> (slou) *n.* [*OE sloh*] 1 a place full of soft, deep mud 2 deep, hopeless dejection

**Slo·vak** (slō'vāk', -vak') *n.* 1 a member of a Slavic people living chiefly in Slovakia 2 the language of this people — *adj.* of the Slovaks

**Slo·va·ki·a** (slō vā'kē ə) country in central Europe: formerly the E republic of Czechoslovakia: 18,933 sq. mi.; pop. 5,297,000

**slov·en** (sluv'ən) *n.* [*prob. < MDu slof, lax*] a careless, untidy person — **slov'en-ly, -li-er, -li-est, adj.**

**Slo·ve·ni·a** (slō vē'nē ə) country in SE Europe: 7,819 sq. mi.; pop. 1,966,000 — **Slo·ve'ni-an** or **Slo'vene'** *adj., n.*

**slow** (slō) *adj.* [*OE slaw*] 1 not quick in understanding 2 taking a longer time than is usual 3 marked by low speed, etc.; not fast 4 behind the correct time, as a clock 5 passing tediously; dull — *vt., vi.* to make or become slow or slower: often with *up* or *down* —*adv.* in a slow manner —**slow'ly adv.** — **slow'ness n.**

**slow'down'** *n.* a slowing down, as of production

**slow'-mo'tion adj.** 1 moving slowly 2 designating a film or taped TV sequence showing the action slowed down

**slow'poke'** (-pōk') *n.* [Slang] a person who acts or moves slowly

**slow'-wit'ted adj.** mentally slow; dull

**SLR** *n.* [*s(ingle) l(ens) r(eflex)*] a camera allowing the photographer to see the subject through the same lens that brings the image to the film

**slub** (slub) *n.* [*< ?*] a soft, thick lump or irregularity in yarn or fabric

**sludge** (sluj) *n.* [*var. of slutch, mud*] any heavy, slimy deposit, sediment, etc.

**slue** (slō) *vt., vi.* slued, slu'ing [*< ?*] to turn or swing around, as on a pivot

**slug**<sup>1</sup> (slug) *n.* [*ME slugge, clumsy one*] a small mollusk like a shell-less snail

**slug**<sup>2</sup> (slug) *n.* [*prob. < prec.*] a small piece of metal; specif., a bullet or counterfeit coin

**slug**<sup>3</sup> (slug) *n.* [*prob. < Dan sluge, to gulp*] [Slang] a drink of liquor

**slug**<sup>4</sup> (slug) [*Inf.*] *vt.* slugged, slug'ging [*< ON slag*] to hit hard, esp. with the fist or a bat —*n.* a hard blow or hit — **slug'ger n.**

**slug·gard** (slug'ərd) *n.* [*< ME sluggen, be lazy*] a lazy person

**slug'gish** (-ish) *adj.* [*< SLUG<sup>1</sup>*] 1 lacking energy or alertness 2 slow or slow-moving 3 not functioning with normal vigor —**slug'gish-ness n.**

**sluice** (slōos) *n.* [*< L excludere, to shut out*] 1 an artificial channel for water, with a gate to regulate the flow 2 such a gate: also **sluice gate** 3 any channel for excess water 4 a sloping trough, as for washing gold ore —*vt.* sluiced, sluic'ing 1 to draw off through a sluice 2 to wash with water from a sluice

**slum** (slum) *n.* [*< ?*] a populous area characterized by poverty, poor housing, etc. —*vi.* slummed, slum'ming to visit a slum, etc. for reasons held to be condescending —**slum'my, -mi-er, -mi-est, adj.**

**slum·ber** (slum'bər) *vi.* [*OE sluma*] 1 to sleep 2 to be inactive —*n.* 1 sleep 2 an inactive state

**slum'lord'** *n.* [Slang] an absentee landlord who exploits slum property

**slump** (slump) *vi.* [*prob. < Ger*] 1 to fall or sink suddenly 2 to slouch —*n.* a decline in activity, prices, performance, etc.

**slung** (slun) *vt. pt. & pp. of SLING*

**slunk** (slunk) *vi. pt. & pp. of SLINK*

**slur** (slər) *vt.* slurred, slur'ring [*prob. < MDu sleuren, to drag*] 1 to pass over lightly: often with *over* 2 to pronounce indistinctly 3 to disparage 4 *Music* to produce (successive notes) by gliding without a break —*n.* 1 a slurring 2 an aspersion 3 *Music* a curved line connecting notes to be slurred

**slurp** (slərp) [Slang] *vt., vi.* [*Du slurpen, to sip*] to drink or eat noisily —*n.* a loud sipping or sucking sound

**slur·ry** (slər'ē) *n., pl. -ries* [*< MDu slore, thin mud*] a thin, watery mixture of clay, cement, etc.

**slush** (slush) *n.* [*prob. < Scand*] 1 partly melted snow or ice 2 soft mud 3 sentimentality; drivel —**slush'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

**slush fund** money used for bribery, political pressure, etc.

**slut** (slut) *n.* [*ME slutte*] 1 a dirty, slovenly woman 2 a sexually promiscuous woman: a derogatory term —**slut'tish adj.**

**sly** (slī) *adj.* sli'er or sly'er, sli'est or sly'est [*< ON slægr*] 1 skillful at trickery; crafty 2 cunningly underhanded 3 playfully mischievous —*on the sly* secretly —**sly'ly or sli'ly adv.** —**sly'ness n.**

**smack**<sup>1</sup> (smak) *n.* [*OE smæc*] 1 a slight taste or flavor 2 a small amount; trace —*vi.* to have a smack (of)



**smack**<sup>2</sup> (smak) *n.* [*< ?*] 1 a sharp noise made by parting the lips suddenly 2 a loud kiss 3 a slap —*vt.* 1 to part (the lips) with a smack 2 to slap loudly —*adv.* 1 with a smack 2 directly

**smack**<sup>3</sup> (smak) *n.* [*prob. < Du smak*] a fishing boat with a well for keeping fish alive

**smack**<sup>4</sup> (smak) *n.* [*< ?*] [Slang] heroin

**smack'er** *n.* [Old Slang] a dollar

**small** (smôl) *adj.* [*OE smæl*] 1 comparatively little in size; not big 2 little in quantity, extent, duration, etc. 3 of little importance; trivial 4 young [*small children*] 5 mean; petty 6 lowercase —*n.* the small part [*the small of the back*]

**small arms** firearms of small caliber, as pistols, rifles, etc.

**small fry** [*see FRY*<sup>2</sup>] 1 children 2 persons considered insignificant

**small intestine** the narrow section of the intestines, extending from the stomach to the large intestine

**small'-mind'ed** *adj.* mean, narrow-minded, or selfish

**small'pox'** *n.* an acute, contagious viral disease characterized by fever and pustules

**small talk** light conversation about common, everyday things; chitchat

**small'-time'** *adj.* [Inf.] minor or petty

**smarm-y** (smär'mē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [*< smarm, to smear*] [Inf., Chiefly Brit.] flattering in an insincere way

**smart** (smärt) *vi.* [*OE smeortan*] 1 *a*) to cause sharp, stinging pain, as a slap does *b*) to feel such pain 2 to feel mental distress or irritation —*n.* 1 a stinging sensation 2 [*pl.*] [Slang] intelligence —*adj.* 1 causing sharp pain 2 sharp, as pain 3 brisk; lively [*a smart pace*] 4 intelligent 5 neat; trim 6 stylish 7 [Inf.] insolent 8 *Comput.* *a*) working by means of a computer or microchip *b*) programmed in advance —*smart'ly* *adv.* —*smart'ness* *n.*

**smart al·eck** or **smart al·ec** (al'ik) [*prec. + Aleck, dim. of Alexander*] [Inf.] an offensively conceited person

**smart bomb** [Mil. Slang] a guided missile directed to its target by electronic means

**smart'en** *vt., vi.* to make or become smart or smarter: usually with *up*

**smash** (smash) *vt., vi.* [*prob. < MASH*] 1 to break into pieces with noise or violence 2 to hit, collide, or move with force 3 to destroy or be destroyed —*n.* 1 a hard, heavy hit 2 a violent, noisy breaking 3 a violent collision 4 a popular success

**smash'ing** *adj.* [Inf.] extraordinary

**smash'up'** *n.* 1 a violent wreck or collision 2 total failure; ruin

**smat·ter·ing** (smat'ər in) *n.* [*ME smateren, to chatter*] 1 a slight knowledge 2 a small number or limited amount

**smear** (smir) *vt.* [*< OE smerian, to anoint*] 1 to cover or soil with something greasy, sticky, etc. 2 to apply (something greasy, etc.) 3 to streak by

rubbing 4 to slander —*vi.* to be or become smeared —*n.* 1 a mark made by smearing 2 slander —*smear'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.*

**smell** (smel) *vt.* smelled or [Chiefly Brit.] **smelt, smell'ing** [*ME smellen*] 1 to be aware of through the nose; detect the odor of 2 to sense the presence of [*to smell trouble*] —*vi.* 1 to use the sense of smell; sniff 2 to have an odor 3 to stink —*n.* 1 the sense by which odors are perceived 2 odor; scent 3 a smelling

**smelling salts** an ammonia compound sniffed to relieve faintness

**smell'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est having an unpleasant smell

**smelt**<sup>1</sup> (smelt) *n.* [*OE*] a small, silvery food fish found esp. in northern seas

**smelt**<sup>2</sup> (smelt) *vt.* [*< MDu smelten*] 1 to melt (ore, etc.) so as to extract the pure metal 2 to refine (metal) in this way

**smelt**<sup>3</sup> (smelt) *vt., vi.* chiefly Brit. *pt. & pp. of SMELL*

**smelt'er** *n.* 1 one whose work is smelting 2 a place for smelting

**smidg·en** (smij'ən) *n.* [*prob. < dial. smidge, particle*] [Inf.] a small amount; bit: also **smidg'in** or **smidge**

**smile** (smil) *vi.* smiled, **smil'ing** [*ME smilen*] to show pleasure, amusement, affection, etc. by an upward curving of the mouth —*vt.* to express with a smile —*n.* the act or expression of smiling —**smil'ing-ly** *adv.*

**smirch** (smurch) *vt.* [*prob. < OFr esmorcher, to hurt*] 1 to soil or stain 2 to dishonor —*n.* 1 a smudge; smear 2 a stain on reputation, etc.

**smirk** (smark) *vi.* [*< OE smearcian, to smile*] to smile in a conceited or complacent way —*n.* such a smile

**smite** (smīt) *vt.* smote, **smit'ten** or **smote, smit'ing** [*OE smitan*] 1 to strike with powerful effect 2 to affect or impress strongly

**smith** (smith) *n.* 1 one who makes or repairs metal objects 2 *short for* BLACKSMITH

**Smith** (smith), Captain John 1580?-1631; Eng. colonist in America

**smith·er·eens** (smith'ər ēnz') *pl.n.* [*Ir smidirin*] [Inf.] fragments; bits

**smith-y** (smith'ē) *n., pl. -ies* the workshop of a smith, esp. a blacksmith

**smock** (smäk) *n.* [*OE smoc*] a loose, shirtlike outer garment worn to protect the clothes

**smock'ing** *n.* decorative stitching used to gather cloth and make it hang in folds

**smog** (smäg, smôg) *n.* [*SM(OKE) + (F)OG*] a low-lying, perceptible layer of polluted air —**smog'gy, -gi-er, -gi-est, adj.**

**smoke** (smök) *n.* [*OE smoca*] 1 the vaporous matter arising from something burning 2 any vapor, etc. like this 3 an act of smoking tobacco, etc. 4 a cigarette, cigar, etc. —*vi.* **smoked, smok'ing** 1 to give off smoke 2 *a*) to draw in and exhale the smoke of tobacco, etc. *b*) to be a habitual user of cigarettes, etc. —*vt.* 1 to cure (meat, etc.) with smoke 2 to use (a pipe, ciga-



rette, etc.) in smoking 3 to drive out as with smoke —**smoke out** to force out of hiding —**smoke'less adj.** —**smok'er n.**

**smoke detector** a warning device that sets off a loud signal when excessive smoke or heat is detected

**smoke'house' n.** a building where meats, fish, etc. are cured with smoke

**smoke screen** 1 a cloud of smoke for hiding troop movements, etc. 2 anything said or done to conceal or mislead

**smoke'stack' n.** a pipe for discharging smoke from a factory, etc.

**smok-y** (smō'kē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 giving off smoke 2 of or like smoke 3 filled with smoke —**smok'i-ness n.**

**smol-der** (smōl'dər) *vi.* [ME *smoldren*] 1 to burn and smoke without flame 2 to exist in a suppressed state —*n.* a smoldering

**smooch** (smōōch) *n., vt., vi.* [Slang] kiss

**smoosh** (smoosh) *vt.* [Inf.] *alt. sp. of SMUSH*

**smooth** (smōōth) *adj.* [OE *smoth*] 1 having an even surface, with no roughness 2 without lumps 3 even or gentle in movement [a smooth voyage] 4 free from interruptions, obstacles, etc. 5 pleasing to the taste; not harsh or bitter 6 having an easy, flowing rhythm or sound 7 polished or ingratiating, esp. in an insincere way —*vt.* 1 to make level or even 2 to remove lumps or wrinkles from 3 to free from difficulties, etc.; make easy 4 to make calm; soothe 5 to polish or refine —*adv.* in a smooth manner —**smoōth'ly adv.** —**smooth'ness n.**

**smooth muscle** involuntary muscle tissue occurring in the uterus, stomach, blood vessels, etc.

**smooth'-spo'ken adj.** speaking in a pleasing, persuasive, or polished manner

**smor-gas-bord** or **smör-gås-bord** (smôr'gæs bôrd', smär'-) *n.* [Swed] a wide variety of appetizers, cheeses, meats, etc., served buffet style

**smote** (smôt) *vt., vi. pt. & alt. pp. of SMITE*

**smoth-er** (smuth'ər) *vt.* [< ME *smother*, dense smoke] 1 to keep from getting air; suffocate 2 to cover over thickly 3 to stifle [to smother a yawn] —*vi.* to be suffocated

**smoul-der** (smōl'dər) *vi., n.* Brit. sp. of SMOLDER

**smudge** (smuj) *vt., vi.* **smudged, smudg'ing** [ME *smogen*] to make or become dirty; smear —*n.* 1 a dirty spot 2 a fire made to produce dense smoke —**smudg'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

**smug** (smug) *adj.* **smug'ger, smug'gest** [prob. < LowG *smuk*, trim, neat] annoyingly self-satisfied; complacent —**smug'ly adv.** —**smug'ness n.**

**smug-gle** (smug'al) *vt.* -gled, -gling [< LowG *smuggeln*] 1 to bring into or take out of a country secretly or illegally 2 to bring, take, etc. secretly —*vi.* to practice smuggling —**smug'gler n.**

**smush** (smoosh) *vt.* [Inf.] to smash, squeeze, etc.

**smut** (smut) *n.* [< LowG *smutt*] 1 a par-

ticle of soot 2 a fungal disease of plants 3 indecent talk, writing, etc. —**smut'ty, -ti-er, -ti-est, adj.**

**Sn** [L *stannum*] *Chem. symbol for tin*

**snack** (snak) *n.* [< ME *snaken*, to bite] a light meal between regular meals —*vi.* to eat a snack

**snack bar** a counter for serving snacks

**snag** (snag) *n.* [< Scand] 1 a sharp point or projection 2 an underwater tree stump or branch 3 a tear, as in cloth, made by a snag, etc. 4 an unexpected or hidden difficulty, etc. —*vt.* **snagged, snag'ging** 1 to catch, tear, etc. on a snag 2 to impede with a snag

**snail** (snāl) *n.* [OE *snægl*] a slow-moving mollusk having a wormlike body and a spiral protective shell

**snake** (snāk) *n.* [OE *snaca*] 1 a long, scaly, limbless reptile with a tapering tail 2 a treacherous or deceitful person 3 a plumber's tool for clearing pipes —*vi.* **snaked, snak'ing** to move, twist, etc. like a snake —**snake'like' adj.**

**snak-y** (snā'kē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 of or like a snake or snakes 2 winding; twisting 3 cunningly treacherous or evil

**snap** (snap) *vi., vt.* **snapped, snap'ping** [< MDu *snappen*] 1 to bite or grasp suddenly: with *at* 2 to speak or utter sharply: often with *at* 3 to break suddenly 4 to make or cause to make a sudden, cracking sound 5 to close, fasten, etc. with this sound 6 to move or cause to move suddenly and smartly [to snap to attention] 7 to take a snapshot (of) —*n.* 1 a sudden bite, grasp, etc. 2 a sharp cracking sound [the snap of a whip] 3 a short, angry way of speaking 4 a brief period of cold weather 5 a fastening that closes with a click 6 a hard, thin cookie 7 *short for* SNAPSHOT 8 [Inf.] alertness or vigor 9 [Slang] an easy job, problem, etc. —*adj.* 1 made or done quickly [a snap decision] 2 that fastens with a snap 3 [Slang] easy —**snap back** to recover quickly —**snap out of it** to improve or recover quickly —**snap'per n.**

**snap bean** a green bean or wax bean

**snap'drag'on n.** [SNAP + DRAGON: from the mouth-shaped flowers] a plant with saclike, two-lipped flowers

**snap'pish adj.** 1 likely to bite 2 irritable

**snap'py adj.** -pi-er, -pi-est 1 cross; irritable 2 that snaps 3 [Inf.] a) brisk or lively b) sharply chilly 4 [Inf.] stylish

**snap'shot' n.** an informal photograph taken with a hand camera

**snare** (sner) *n.* [< ON *snara*] 1 a trap for small animals 2 anything dangerous, etc. that tempts or attracts 3 a length of wire or gut across the bottom of a drum —*vt.* **snared, snar'ing** to catch as in a snare; trap

**snarl**<sup>1</sup> (snärl) *vi.* [< earlier *snar*, to growl] 1 to growl, baring the teeth, as a dog does 2 to speak sharply, as in anger —*vt.* to utter with a snarl —*n.* a fierce growl —**snarl'ing-ly adv.**

**snarl**<sup>2</sup> (snärl) *n., vt., vi.* [< SNARE] tangle



—snarl'y, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**snatch** (snach) *vt.* [ME *snacchen*] to take suddenly, specif. without right or warning —*vi.* 1 to try to seize; grab (*at*) 2 to take advantage of a chance, etc. eagerly: with *at* —*n.* 1 a snatching 2 a brief period 3 a fragment; bit

**sneak** (snēk) *vt., vi.* **sneaked** or [Inf.] **snuck**, **sneak'ing** [prob. < OE *snican*, to crawl] to move, act, give, put, take, etc. secretly or stealthily —*n.* 1 one who sneaks 2 a sneaking —*adj.* without warning [*a sneak attack*] —**sneak'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**sneak'er** *n.* a shoe with a canvas upper and a soft rubber sole

**sneak preview** an advance showing of a film, as for evaluating audience reaction

**sneer** (snir) *vi.* [ME *sneren*] 1 to show scorn as by curling the upper lip 2 to express derision, etc. in speech or writing —*n.* a sneering

**sneeze** (snēz) *vi.* **sneezed**, **sneez'ing** [ME *snesen*] to exhale breath from the nose and mouth in an involuntary, explosive action —*n.* a sneezing

**snick'er** (snik'ər) *vi.* [echoic] to laugh in a sly, partly stifled way —*n.* a snickering

**snide** (snid) *adj.* [prob. < Du dial.] slyly malicious or derisive

**sniff** (snif) *vi., vt.* [ME *sniffen*] 1 to draw in (air) forcibly through the nose 2 to express (disdain, etc.) by sniffing 3 to smell by sniffing —*n.* 1 an act or sound of sniffing 2 something sniffed

**snif·fle** (snif'əl) *vi.* -fled, -fling to sniff repeatedly, as in checking mucus running from the nose —*n.* an act or sound of sniffing —**the sniffles** [Inf.] a head cold

**snif·ter** (snif'tər) *n.* [< *snift*, var. of SNIFF] a goblet tapering to a small opening to concentrate the aroma, as of brandy

**snig·ger** (snig'ər) *vi., n.* [echoic] SNICKER

**snip** (snip) *vt., vi.* **snipped**, **snip'ping** [Du *snippen*] to cut or cut off in a short, quick stroke, as with scissors —*n.* 1 a small piece cut off 2 [Inf.] a young or insignificant person

**snipe** (snip) *n.* [< ON *snipa*] a long-billed wading bird —*vi.* **sniped**, **snip'ing** to shoot from a hidden position, as at individuals —**snip'er** *n.*

**snip·pet** (snip'it) *n.* [dim. of SNIP] a small piece or scrap, specif. of information

**snip'py** *adj.* -pi-er, -pi-est [Inf.] insolently curt, sharp, etc.

**snit** (snit) *n.* [< ? prec. + (F)IT<sup>2</sup>] a fit of anger, resentment, etc.: usually in (or into) a snit

**snitch** (snich) [Slang] *vt.* to steal; pilfer —*vi.* to tattle (*on*) —*n.* an informer

**sniv·el** (sniv'əl) *vi.* -eled or -elled, -el-ing or -el-ling [ME *snivelen*] 1 to cry and sniffle 2 to complain and whine 3 to make a tearful, often false display of grief, etc. —**sniv'el-er** *n.*

**snob** (snäb) *n.* [< ?] one who disdains supposed inferiors —**snob'bish** *adj.* —**snob'bish-ness** or **snob'ber-y** *n.*

**snood** (snōd) *n.* [OE *snod*] a baglike net worn at the back of a woman's head to hold the hair

**snook·er** (snook'ər) *n.* a variety of the game of pool —*vt.* [Slang] to deceive

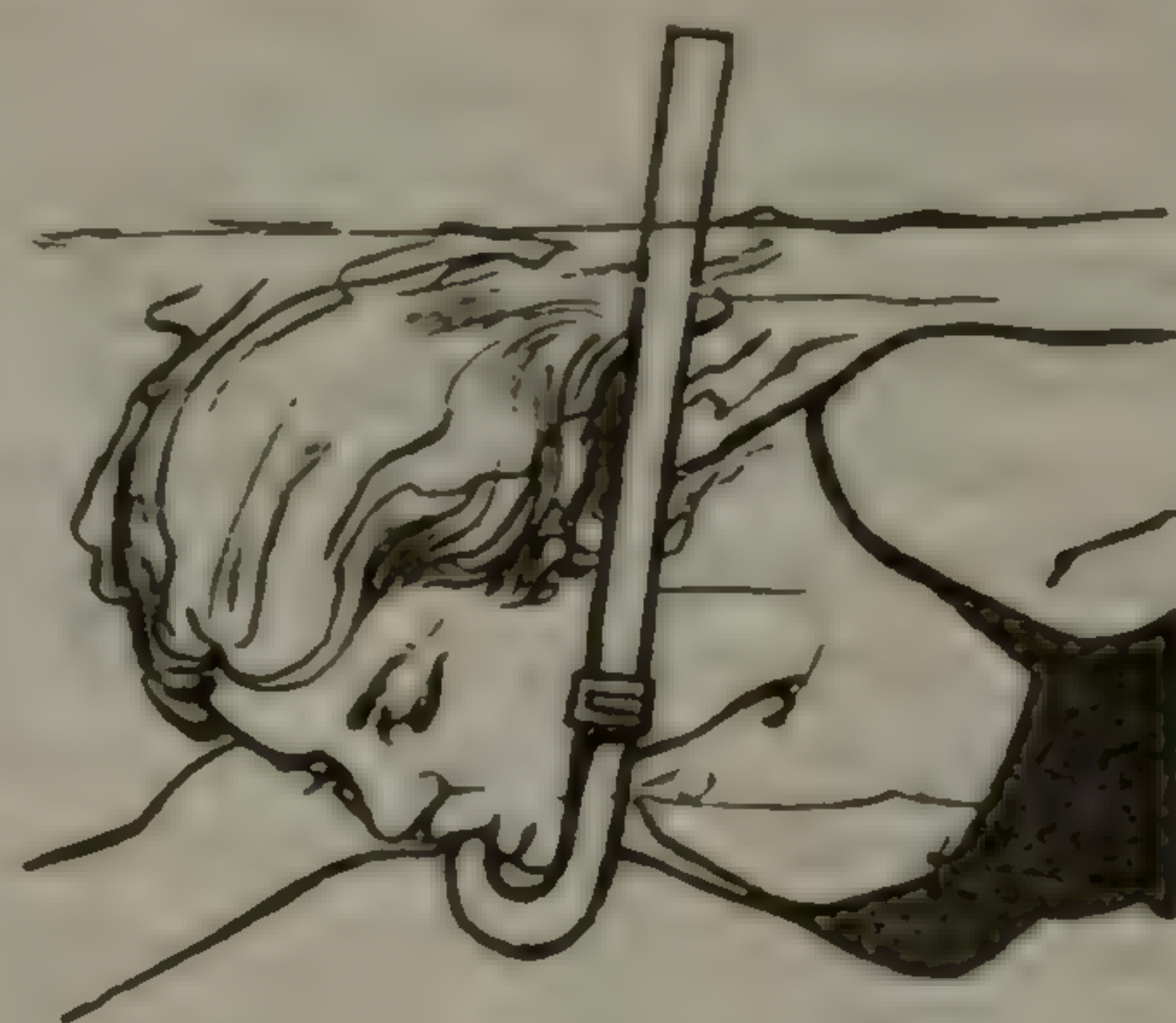
**snoop** (snōp) [Inf.] *vi.* [Du *snoepen*, eat on the sly] to pry about in a sneaking way —*n.* one who snoops: also **snoop'er** —**snoop'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**snoot** (snōt) *n.* [see SNOUT] [Inf.] the nose

**snoot'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [Inf.] haughty; snobbish —**snoot'i-ness** *n.*

**snooze** (snōz) *n., vi.* [< LowG *snusen*, to snore] **snoozed**, **snooz'ing** [Inf.] nap; doze —**snooz'er** *n.*

**snore** (snôr) *vi.* **snored**, **snor'ing** [see SNARL<sup>1</sup>] to breathe, while asleep, with harsh sounds —*n.* the act or sound of snoring —**snor'er** *n.*



SNORKEL

**snor·kel** (snôr'kəl) *n.* [Ger *schnorchel*, inlet] a breathing tube extending above the water, used in swimming just below the surface —*vi.* -keled, -kel-ing to swim underwater using a snorkel —**snor'kel-er** *n.*

**snort** (snôrt) *vi.* 1 to force breath audibly through the nostrils 2 to express contempt, etc. by a snort —*vt.* 1 to express with a snort 2 [Slang] to inhale (a drug) through the nose —*n.* 1 a snorting 2 [Slang] a quick drink of liquor

**snot** (snät) *n.* [OE (ge)snot, mucus] [Slang] 1 nasal mucus: considered mildly vulgar 2 an impudent young person —**snot'ty**, -ti-er, -ti-est, *adj.*

**snout** (snout) *n.* [prob. < MDu *snute*] the projecting nose and jaws of an animal

**snow** (snō) *n.* [OE *snaw*] 1 frozen particles of water vapor that fall to earth as soft, white flakes 2 a falling of snow —*vi.* to fall as or like snow —*vt.* 1 to cover or obstruct with snow: with *in*, *up*, *under*, etc. 2 [Slang] to deceive or mislead —**snow under** 1 to overwhelm with work, etc. 2 to defeat decisively —**snow'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**snow'ball** *n.* a mass of snow packed into a ball —*vi.* to grow rapidly like a ball of snow rolling downhill

**snow'bank** *n.* a large mass of snow

**Snow'belt** the NE and Midwestern U.S., characterized by cold, snowy winters: also **Snow Belt**

**snow'board** *n.* a board somewhat like



a small surfboard, for sliding down snowy hills for sport —*vi.* to use a snowboard —**snow'board'er** *n.*

**snow'bound'** *adj.* shut in or blocked off by snow

**snow'cone'** *n.* crushed ice mixed with a flavored syrup, served in a paper cone

**snow'drift'** *n.* a heap of snow piled up by the wind

**snow'drop'** *n.* a small plant with small, bell-shaped, white flowers

**snow'fall'** *n.* a fall of snow or the amount of this in a given area or time

**snow fence** a light fence of lath and wire to control the drifting of snow

**snow'flake'** *n.* a single snow crystal

**snow'man'** (-man') *n., pl. -men' (-men')* a crude human figure made of snow packed together

**snow'mo·bile'** *n.* a motor vehicle with steerable runners at the front and tractor treads at the rear —*vi.* -biled', -bil'ing to travel by snowmobile

**snow'plow'** *n.* a plowlike machine used to clear snow off a road, etc.

**snow'shoe'** *n.* one of a pair of racket-shaped wooden frames crisscrossed with leather strips, etc., worn on the feet to prevent sinking in deep snow

**snow'storm'** *n.* a storm with a heavy snowfall

**snow'suit'** *n.* a child's heavily lined, hooded garment, for cold weather

**snow tire** a tire with a deep tread for added traction on snow or ice

**snub** (snub) *vt.* snubbed, snub'bing [*<* ON *snubba*, chide] 1 to treat with scorn, disdain, etc. 2 to check suddenly the movement of (a rope, etc.) —*n.* scornful treatment —*adj.* short and turned up: said of a nose

**snub'-nosed'** *adj.* 1 having a snub nose 2 having a short barrel: said of a handgun

**snuck** (snuk) *vi., vt.* [Inf.] *alt. pt. & pp.* of SNEAK

**snuff**<sup>1</sup> (snuf) *vt.* [ME] 1 to trim off the charred end of (a wick) 2 to put out (a candle) —**snuff out** 1 to extinguish 2 to destroy —**snuff'er** *n.*

**snuff**<sup>2</sup> (snuf) *vt., vi.* [*<* MDu *snuffen*] to sniff or smell —*n.* 1 a sniff 2 powdered tobacco taken up into the nose or put on the gums —**up to snuff** [Inf.] up to the usual standard

**snuff'box'** *n.* a small box for snuff

**snuf·fle** (snuf'al) *n., vi.* -fled, -fling [*<* SNUFF<sup>2</sup>] SNIFFLE

**snug** (snug) *adj.* snug'ger, snug'gest [prob. *<* Scand] 1 warm and cozy 2 neat; trim [a snug cottage] 3 tight in fit —**snug'ly** *adv.*

**snug'gle** (-əl) *vi., vt.* -gled, -gling [*<* prec.] to nestle; cuddle

**so** (sō) *adv.* [OE *swa*] 1 as shown or described [hold the bat just so] 2 *a)* to such an extent [why are you so late?] *b)* very [they are so happy] *c)* [Inf.] very much [she so wants to go] 3 therefore [they were tired, and so left] 4 more or less [fifty dollars or so] 5 also; likewise [I am going, and so are you] 6 then [and so to bed] —*conj.* 1 in order (that) 2 with the result that —*pron.*

that which has been specified or named [he is a friend and will remain so] —*interj.* used to express surprise, triumph, etc. —*adj.* true [that's so] —and so on (or forth) and the rest; et cetera —so as with the purpose or result —so what? [Inf.] even if so, what then?

**soak** (sōk) *vt.* [OE *socian*] 1 to make thoroughly wet 2 to take in; absorb: usually with *up* 3 [Inf.] to overcharge —*vi.* 1 to stay in a liquid for wetting, softening, etc. 2 to penetrate —*n.* 1 a soaking or being soaked 2 [Slang] a drunkard

**so'-and-so'** *n., pl. so'-and-sos'* [Inf.] an unspecified person or thing: often used euphemistically

**soap** (sōp) *n.* [OE *sape*] 1 a substance, usually a salt derived from fatty acids, used with water to produce suds for washing 2 [Slang] SOAP OPERA —*vt.* to lather, etc. with soap —**no soap** [Slang] (it is) not acceptable —**soap'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**soap'box'** *n.* any improvised platform used in speaking to a street audience

**soap opera** [Inf.] a radio or television serial melodrama

**soap'stone'** *n.* a soft, impure talc in rock form, used as an insulator, etc.

**soap'suds'** *pl.n.* foamy, soapy water

**soar** (sōr) *vi.* [ult. *<* L *ex-*, out + *aura*, air] 1 to rise or fly high into the air 2 to glide along high in the air 3 to rise above the usual level

**So·a·ve** (sə wā'vā, swā'vā) *n.* [It] an Italian dry white wine

**sob** (sāb) *vi.* sobbed, sob'bing [ME *sobben*] to weep aloud with short, gasping breaths —*vt.* to utter with sobs —*n.* the act or sound of sobbing

**so·ber** (sō'bər) *adj.* [*<* L *sobrius*] 1 temperate, esp. in the use of liquor 2 not drunk 3 serious, reasonable, sedate, etc. 4 not flashy; plain —*vt., vi.* to make or become sober: often with *up* —**so'ber-ly** *adv.* —**so'ber-ness** *n.*

**so·bri·e·ty** (sə brī'ə tē) *n.* a being sober; specif., *a)* temperance, esp. in the use of liquor *b)* seriousness

**so·bri·quet** (sō'brə kă', -ket') *n.* [Fr] 1 a nickname 2 an assumed name

**soc** *abbrev.* 1 social 2 socialist 3 society

**so'-called'** *adj.* 1 known by this term 2 inaccurately or questionably designated as such [a so-called liberal]

**soc·cer** (sāk'ər) *n.* [alt. *<* (as)soc(iation football)] a team game played by kicking a round ball

**so·cia·ble** (sō'shə bəl) *adj.* [see fol.] 1 friendly; gregarious 2 characterized by informal conversation and companionship —**so'cia·bil'i·ty** *n.* —**so'cia·bly** *adv.*

**so·cial** (sō'shəl) *adj.* [*<* L *socius*, companion] 1 of or having to do with human beings, etc. in their living together 2 living with others; gregarious [man as a social being] 3 of or having to do with society, esp. fashionable society 4 sociable 5 of or for companionship 6 of or doing welfare work —*n.* an informal gathering —**so'cial·ly** *adv.*



**social disease** any venereal disease

**so'cial-ism' n.** 1 a theory or system of ownership of the means of production and distribution by society rather than by individuals 2 [often S-] a political movement for establishing such a system —**so'cial-ist n., adj.** —**so'cial-is'tic adj.**

**so·cial·ite** (so'shə lit') *n.* a person prominent in fashionable society

**so'cial-ize'** (-shə līz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing 1 to make fit for living in a group 2 to subject to governmental ownership or control —*vi.* to take part in social activity —**so'cial-i·za'tion n.**

**socialized medicine** a system supplying complete medical and hospital care to all through public funds

**social science** a field of study, as economics or anthropology, dealing with the structure, etc. of society —**social scientist**

**Social Security** [sometimes s-s-] a federal system of old-age, unemployment, or disability insurance

**social studies** a course of study including history, geography, etc.

**social work** any service or activity promoting the welfare of the community and the individual, as through counseling services, etc. —**social worker**

**so·ci·e·ty** (sə sī'ə tē) *n., pl.* -ties [*<* L *socius*, companion] 1 a group of persons, etc. forming a single community 2 the system of living together in such a group 3 all people, collectively 4 companionship 5 an organized group with some interest in common 6 the wealthy, dominant class —**so·ci'e·tal** (-təl) *adj.*

**Society of Friends** a Christian denomination that believes in plain worship, pacifism, etc.: see also QUAKER

**so·ci·o·e·co·nom·ic** (sō'sē ō ē'kə nām'ik, -shē-; -ek'ə-) *adj.* of or involving both social and economic factors

**so·ci·ol·o·gy** (sō'sē əl'ə jē, -shē-) *n.* [*see* SOCIAL & -LOGY] the science of social relations, organization, and change —**so'ci·o·log'i·cal** (-ə lă'ji kəl) *adj.* —**so'ci·ol'o·gist n.**

**so·ci·o·path** (sō'sē ə path', -shē-) *n.* an aggressively antisocial psychopath

**sock<sup>1</sup>** (sək) *n., pl.* socks or sox [*<* L *soccus*, type of light shoe] a short stocking —**sock away** [Inf.] to set aside (money) as savings

**sock<sup>2</sup>** (sək) [Slang] *vt.* to hit with force —*n.* a blow

**sock·et** (sək'it) *n.* [*<* OFr *soc*, plow-share] a hollow part into which something fits [an eye socket]

**sock-eye salmon** (sək'ī) a red-fleshed salmon of the N Pacific

**Soc·ra·tes** (sək'rə tēz') 470?-399 B.C.; Athenian philosopher & teacher —**Soc·rat·ic** (sə krat'ik) *adj., n.*

**sod** (səd) *n.* [*prob.* *<* MDu *sode*] 1 a surface layer of earth containing grass with its roots; turf 2 a piece of this —*vt.* **sod'ded**, **sod'ding** to cover with sod

**so·da** (sō'də) *n.* [ML] 1 a) SODIUM

BICARBONATE b) SODA WATER c) SODA POP. 2 a confection of soda water mixed with syrup and having ice cream in it

**soda cracker** a light, crisp cracker made from flour, water, and leavening, orig. baking soda

**soda fountain** a counter for making and serving soft drinks, sodas, etc.

**soda pop** a flavored, carbonated soft drink

**soda water** 1 water charged under pressure with carbon dioxide gas 2 SODA POP

**sod·den** (səd'n) *adj.* 1 soaked through 2 soggy from improper cooking 3 dull or stupefied, as from liquor —**sod'den·ly adv.**

**so·di·um** (sō'dē əm) *n.* [*<* *soda*] an alkaline, metallic chemical element

**sodium bicarbonate** a white powder, used in baking powder, as an antacid, etc.

**sodium chloride** common salt

**sodium hydroxide** a caustic base used in oil refining, etc.

**sodium nitrate** a clear, crystalline salt used in explosives, fertilizers, etc.

**sodium pen-to·thal** (pèn'tə-thôl') a yellowish powder injected in solution as a general anesthetic

**Sod·om and Go·mor·rah** (səd'əm and gə môr'ə) *Bible* two sinful cities destroyed by fire

**sod·om·y** (səd'ə mē) *n.* [*after Sodom*] any sexual intercourse held to be abnormal —**sod'om·ite'** (-mīt') *n.*

**so·fa** (sō'fə) *n.* [*<* Ar *ṣuffa*, a platform] an upholstered couch with fixed back and arms

**sofa bed** a sofa that can be opened into a bed

**So·fi·a** (sō'fē ə, sō fē'ə) capital of Bulgaria: pop. 1,116,000

**soft** (sôft) *adj.* [OE *softe*, gentle] 1 giving way easily under pressure 2 easily cut, marked, shaped, etc. [a soft metal] 3 not as hard as is normal, desirable, etc. [soft butter] 4 smooth to the touch 5 easy to digest: said of a diet 6 nonalcoholic: said of drinks 7 having few of the mineral salts that keep soap from lathering 8 mild, as a breeze 9 weak; not vigorous 10 easy [a soft job] 11 kind or gentle 12 not bright: said of color or light 13 gentle; low: said of sound —*adv.* gently; quietly —**soft'ly adv.** —**soft'ness n.**

**soft'ball' n.** 1 a kind of baseball played with a larger ball 2 this ball

**soft'-boiled' adj.** boiled a short time to keep the yolk soft: said of an egg

**soft coal** BITUMINOUS COAL

**soft drink** a nonalcoholic drink, esp. one that is carbonated

**soft·en** (sôf'ən) *vt., vi.* to make or become soft or softer —**soft'en·er n.**

**soft'heart'ed adj.** 1 full of compassion 2 not strict or severe; lenient

**soft landing** a landing of a spacecraft without damage to the craft or its contents

**soft money** money donated to a political party but not for a particular candidate



**soft palate** the soft, fleshy part at the rear of the roof of the mouth; velum

**soft'-ped'al** *vt.* -aled or -alled, -al-ing or -al-ling [from pedal to soften an instrument's tone] [Inf.] to make less emphatic; tone down; play down

**soft sell** selling that relies on subtle inducement or suggestion

**soft soap** [Inf.] flattery or smooth talk —**soft'-soap'** *vt.*

**soft'ware'** *n.* the programs, routines, etc. for a computer

**soft'wood'** *n.* 1 any light, easily cut wood 2 the wood of any tree bearing cones, as the pine

**soft'y** *n., pl. soft'ies* [Inf.] one who is too sentimental or trusting

**sog-gy** (säg'ē, sôg'ē) *adj.* -gi-er, -gi-est [prob. < ON *sea*, a sucking] soaked; moist and heavy —**sog'gi-ness** *n.*

**soil**<sup>1</sup> (soil) *n.* [< L *solum*] 1 the surface layer of earth, supporting plant life 2 land; country [native *soil*] 3 ground or earth [barren *soil*]

**soil**<sup>2</sup> (soil) *vt.* [ult. < L *sus*, pig] 1 to make dirty; stain 2 to disgrace —*vi.* to become soiled or dirty —*n.* a soiled spot; stain

**soi-ree** or **soi-rée** (swä rä') *n.* [< Fr *soir*, evening] an evening party

**so-journ** (sô'jurn; also, for *v.*, sô jurn') *vi.* [< L *sub-*, under + *diurnus*, of a day] to live somewhere temporarily —*n.* a brief stay; visit

**sol** (söl) *n.* [< ML] *Music* the fifth tone of the diatonic scale

**Sol** (säl) *n.* [L] 1 *Rom. Myth.* the sun god 2 the sun personified

**sol-ace** (säl'is) *n.* [< L *solacium*] 1 an easing of grief, loneliness, etc. 2 a comfort or consolation —*vt.* -aced, -ac-ing to comfort; console

**so-lar** (sô'lär) *adj.* [< L *sol*, the sun] 1 of or having to do with the sun 2 produced by or coming from the sun

**solar battery** an assembly of cells (solar cells) used to convert solar energy into electric power

**so-lar-i-um** (sô ler'ē əm) *n., pl. -i-a* (-ē ə) [< L *sol*, sun] a glassed-in porch, etc. to sun oneself

**solar plexus** a network of nerves in the abdomen behind the stomach

**solar system** that portion of our galaxy subject to the sun's gravity; esp., the sun and its planets

**sold** (söld) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of SELL*

**sol-der** (säd'ər) *n.* [ult. < L *solidus*, solid] a metal alloy heated and used to join or patch metal parts, etc. —*vt., vi.* to join with solder

**sol-dier** (söl'jär) *n.* [< LL *solidus*, a coin] 1 a member of an army 2 an enlisted person, as distinguished from an officer 3 one who works for a specified cause —*vi.* 1 to serve as a soldier 2 to proceed stubbornly (*on*) —**sol'dier-ly** *adj.*

**soldier of fortune** a mercenary or any adventurer

**sole**<sup>1</sup> (söl) *n.* [< L *solum*, a base] 1 the bottom surface of the foot 2 the part of a shoe, etc. corresponding to this —*vt.* soled, sol'ing to furnish (a shoe, etc.) with a sole

**sole**<sup>2</sup> (söl) *adj.* [< L *solus*] without another; single; one and only

**sole**<sup>3</sup> (söl) *n., pl. sole or soles* [< L *solea*, SOLE<sup>1</sup>: from its shape] a sea flatfish valued as food

**sol-e-cism** (säl'ə siz'am) *n.* [< Gr *soloikos*, speaking incorrectly] a violation of the conventional usage, grammar, etc. of a language

**sole-ly** (söl'lē) *adv.* 1 alone 2 only, exclusively, or merely

**sol-emn** (säl'am) *adj.* [< L *sollemnis*, annual, hence religious: said of festivals] 1 sacred 2 formal 3 serious; grave; earnest —**sol'emn-ly** *adv.*

**so-lem-ni-ty** (sə lem'nə tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 solemn ceremony, ritual, etc. 2 seriousness; gravity

**sol-em-nize** (säl'am nīz') *vt.* -nized', -niz'ing 1 to celebrate formally or according to ritual 2 to perform the ceremony of (marriage, etc.)

**so-le-noid** (sō'lə noid', sä'-) *n.* [< Gr *sōlēn*, channel + *eidos*, a form] a coil of wire with a movable iron core, used as an electromagnetic switch

**so-lic-it** (sə lis'it) *vt., vi.* [see SOLICITOUS] 1 to appeal to (persons) for (aid, donations, etc.) 2 to entice or lure —**so-lic'i-ta'tion** *n.*

**so-lic'i-tor** *n.* 1 one who solicits trade, contributions, etc. 2 in England, a lawyer other than a barrister 3 the law officer for a city, etc.

**so-lic-i-tous** (sə lis'ə təs) *adj.* [< L *sollus*, whole + *ciere*, set in motion] 1 showing care or concern [*solicitous* for her welfare] 2 desirous; eager

**so-lic'i-tude'** (-tōd') *n.* a being solicitous; care, concern, etc.

**sol-id** (säl'id) *adj.* [< L *solidus*] 1 relatively firm or compact; neither liquid nor gaseous 2 not hollow 3 having three dimensions 4 firm; strong; substantial 5 having no breaks or divisions 6 of one color, material, etc. throughout 7 showing unity; unanimous 8 reliable or dependable —*n.* 1 a solid substance, not a liquid or gas 2 an object having length, breadth, and thickness —**sol'id-ly** *adv.* —**sol'id-ness** *n.*

**sol-i-dar-i-ty** (säl'ə dar'ə tē) *n.* complete unity, as of opinion or feeling

**so-lid-i-fy** (sə lid'ə fi') *vt., vi.* -fied', -fy'ing to make or become solid, hard, etc. —**so-lid'i-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**so-lid'i-ty** (-tē) *n.* a being solid

**sol'id-state'** *adj.* 1 of the branch of physics dealing with the structure, properties, etc. of solids 2 equipped with transistors, etc.

**so-lil-o-quy** (sə lil'ə kwē) *n., pl. -quies* [< L *solus*, alone + *loqui*, speak] 1 a talking to oneself 2 lines in a drama spoken by a character as if to himself or herself —**so-lil-o-quize** (sə lil'ə kwiz'), -quized', -quiz'ing, *vi., vt.*

**sol-i-taire** (säl'ə ter') *n.* [Fr: see fol.] 1 a diamond or other gem set by itself 2 a card game for one player

**sol'i-tar-y** (-ter'ē) *adj.* [< L *solus*, alone] 1 living or being alone 2 single; only /a



*solitary* example/ 3 lonely; remote 4 done in solitude

**sol'i-tude'** (-tōd') *n.* [[see prec.] 1 a being solitary, or alone; seclusion 2 a secluded place

**so-lo** (sō'lō) *n., pl. -los or -li* (-lē) [[It < L *solus*, alone] 1 a musical piece or passage to be performed by one person 2 any performance by one person alone — *adj.* for or by a single person — *adv.* alone — *vi. -loed, -lo-ing* to perform a solo — **so'lo-ist** *n.*

**Sol-o-mon** (sāl'ə mən) *n.* Bible king of Israel noted for his wisdom

**Solomon Islands** country on a group of islands in the SW Pacific, east of New Guinea: 10,954 sq. mi.; pop. 286,000

**So-lon** (sō'lən, -län') 640?-559? B.C.; Athenian statesman & lawgiver

**so long** [Inf.] GOODBYE

**sol-stice** (säl'stis, söl'-) *n.* [[< L *sol*, sun + *sistere*, to stand] the time of the year when the sun reaches the point farthest north (about June 21) or farthest south (about Dec. 21) of the equator: in the Northern Hemisphere, the **summer solstice** and **winter solstice**, respectively

**sol-u-ble** (säl'yə bəl) *adj.* [[see SOLVE] 1 that can be dissolved 2 capable of being solved

**sol-ute** (säl'yoot') *n.* the substance dissolved in a solution

**so-lu-tion** (sə lōō'shən) *n.* [[see fol.] 1 the solving of a problem 2 an answer, explanation, etc. 3 the dispersion of one substance in another, usually a liquid, so as to form a homogeneous mixture 4 the mixture so produced

**solve** (sälv, sōlv) *vt.* solved, solv'ing [[< L *se-*, apart + *luere*, let go] to find the answer to (a problem, etc.) — **solv'a-ble** *adj.* — **solv'er** *n.*

**sol-vent** (säl'vənt, söl'-) *adj.* [[see prec.] 1 able to pay all one's debts 2 that can dissolve another substance — *n.* a substance that can dissolve another substance — **sol'ven-cy** *n.*

**So-ma-li-a** (sō māl'ē ə) country of E Africa, on the Indian Ocean: 246,201 sq. mi.; pop. 9,200,000

**so-mat-ic** (sō mat'ik) *adj.* [[< Gr *sāma*, body] of the body; physical

**somatic cell** any of the cells that form the tissues and organs of the body; opposed to GERM CELL

**som-ber** (säm'bər) *adj.* [[< L *sub*, under + *umbra*, shade] 1 dark and gloomy 2 melancholy 3 solemn Also [Chiefly Brit.] **som'bre** — **som'ber-ly** *adv.*

**som-bre-ro** (säm brer'ō) *n., pl. -ros* [[Sp < *sombra*, shade: see prec.] a broad-brimmed, tall-crowned hat worn in Mexico, the Southwest, etc.

**some** (sum) *adj.* [[OE *sum*] 1 certain but not specified or known [open some evenings/ 2 of a certain unspecified quantity, degree, etc. [have some candy/ 3 about [some ten of them/ 4 [Inf.] remarkable, striking, etc. [it was some fight/ — *pron.* a certain unspecified number, quantity, etc. [some of them agree/ — *adv.* 1 approximately [some ten men/ 2 [Inf.] to some extent; some-

what [slept some/ 3 [Inf.] to a great extent or at a great rate [must run some to catch up/ — and then some [Inf.] and more than that

**-some**<sup>1</sup> (səm) [[OE *-sum*] suffix tending to (be) [tiresome]

**-some**<sup>2</sup> (sōm) [[< Gr *sōma*, body] combining form body [chromosome]

**some-bod-y** (sum'bād'ē, -bud'ē) *pron.* a person unknown or not named; some person; someone — *n., pl. -bod'ies* a person of importance

**some'day'** *adv.* at some future day or time

**some'how'** *adv.* in a way or by a method not known or stated: often in **somehow** or **other**

**some'one'** *pron.* SOMEBODY

**som-er-sault** (sum'ər sōlt') *n.* [[< L *supra*, over + *saltus*, a leap] an acrobatic stunt performed by turning the body one full revolution, heels over head — *vi.* to perform a somersault

**some'thing** *pron.* 1 a thing not definitely known, understood, etc. [something went wrong/ 2 a definite but unspecified thing [have something to eat/ 3 a bit; a little — *n.* [Inf.] an important or remarkable person or thing — *adv.* 1 somewhat [looks something like me/ 2 [Inf.] really; quite [sounds something awful/ — **something else** [Slang] one that is quite remarkable

**some'time'** *adv.* at some unspecified or future time — *adj.* 1 former 2 occasional

**some'times'** *adv.* occasionally

**some'way'** *adv.* in some way: also **some'ways'**

**some'what'** *pron.* some degree, part, amount, etc. — *adv.* to some extent or degree; a little

**some'where'** *adv.* 1 in, to, or at some place not known or specified 2 at some time, degree, age, etc. (with *about*, *around*, *near*, *in*, *between*, etc.)

**som-nam-bu-lism** (säm nam'byōō liz'əm) *n.* [[< L *somnus*, sleep + *ambulare*, to walk] sleepwalking — **som-nam'bu-list** *n.*

**som-no-lent** (säm'nə lənt) *adj.* [[< L *somnus*, sleep] 1 sleepy 2 inducing drowsiness — **som'no-lence** *n.*

**son** (sun) *n.* [[OE *sunu*] 1 a boy or man as he is related to his parents 2 a male descendant — **the Son** Jesus Christ

**so-nar** (sō'när') *n.* [[*so(und) n(avigation) a(nd) r(anging)*] an apparatus that transmits sound waves in water, used to find depths, etc.

**so-na-ta** (sə nāt'ə) *n.* [[It < L *sonare*, to sound] a musical composition for one or two instruments, usually consisting of several movements

**song** (sōŋ) *n.* [[OE *sang*] 1 the act or art of singing 2 a piece of music for singing 3 *a)* [Old Poet.] poetry *b)* a lyric set to music 4 a sound like singing — **for a song** [Inf.] for a small sum; cheap

**song'bird'** *n.* a bird that makes vocal sounds that are like music

**song'fest'** *n.* [[SONG + -FEST] an informal gathering of people for singing, esp. folk songs



**song'ster** (-stər) *n.* a singer —  
**song'sstress** (-stris) *fem.n.*

**son·ic** (sän'ik) *adj.* [*< L sonus, a sound*] of or having to do with sound or the speed of sound

**sonic boom** the explosive sound of a supersonic jet passing overhead

**son'-in-law'** *n., pl. sons'-in-law'* the husband of one's daughter

**son·net** (sän'it) *n.* [*ult. < L sonus, a sound*] a poem normally of fourteen lines in any of several rhyme schemes

**son·ny** (sun'ē) *n., pl. -nies* little son: used as a familiar term of address to a young boy

**So·no·ra** (sô nô'rä) state of NW Mexico: 71,403 sq. mi.; pop. 1,824,000

**so·no·rous** (sə nô'rəs, sän'ər əs) *adj.* [*< L sonor, a sound*] 1 producing sound; resonant 2 full, deep, or rich in sound —**so·nor'i·ty** (-ə tē), *pl. -ties, n.*

**soon** (sōn) *adv.* [*OE sona, at once*] 1 in a short time [will soon be there] 2 promptly; quickly [as soon as possible] 3 ahead of time; early [we left too soon] 4 readily; willingly [as soon go as stay] —**sooner or later** inevitably; eventually

**soot** (soot) *n.* [*OE sot*] a black substance consisting chiefly of carbon particles, in the smoke of burning matter —**soot'y, -i·er, -i·est, adj.**

**sooth** (sōth) *n.* [*OE soth*] [Archaic] truth

**soothe** (sōth) *vt.* soothed, sooth'ing [*OE sothian, prove true*] 1 to make calm or composed, as by gentleness or flattery 2 to relieve (pain, etc.) —**sooth'er n. —sooth'ing adj.**

**sooth·say·er** (sōth'sā'ər) *n.* [*ME soth-seyere, one who speaks the truth*] [Historical] a person who professes to predict the future —**sooth'say'ing n.**

**sop** (söp) *n.* [*OE sopp*] 1 a piece of food, as bread, soaked in milk, etc. 2 *a*) something given to appease *b*) a bribe —**vt., vi. sopped, sop'ping** 1 to soak, steep, etc. 2 to take up (liquid) by absorption: usually with *up*

**SOP** *abbrev.* standard operating procedure

**soph·ism** (säf'iz'am) *n.* [*< Gr sophos, clever*] a clever and plausible but fallacious argument

**soph'ist** *n.* one who uses clever, specious reasoning —**so·phis·ti·cal** (sə fis'ti kəl) *adj.*

**so·phis·ti·cate** (sə fis'tə kät'; *for n., usually, -kit*) *vt. -cat'ed, -cat'ing* [*ult. < Gr sophistēs, wise man*] to change from a natural or simple state; make worldly-wise —*n.* a sophisticated person

**so·phis'ti·cat'ed** *adj.* 1 not simple, naive, etc.; worldly-wise or knowledgeable, subtle, etc. 2 for sophisticated people 3 highly complex or developed —**so·phis'ti·ca'tion n.**

**soph·ist·ry** (säf'is trē) *n.* misleading but clever reasoning

**Soph·o·cles** (säf'ə klēz') 496?-406 B.C.; Gr. writer of tragic dramas

**soph·o·more** (säf'môr', säf'ə môr') *n.* [*< obs. sophumer, sophism*] a student in the second year of college or the tenth grade in high school —*adj.* of or for

sophomores

**soph'o·mor'ic** *adj.* of or like sophomores; seen as opinionated, immature, etc.

**-so·phy** (sə fē) [*< Gr sophia, wisdom*] combining form knowledge

**sop·o·rif·ic** (söp'ə rif'ik, sō'pə-) *adj.* [*< L sopor, sleep + -FIC*] causing sleep —*n.* a soporific drug, etc.

**sop·py** (söp'ē) *adj. -pi·er, -pi·est* 1 very wet: also **sop'ping** 2 [Inf.] sentimental

**so·pra·no** (sə pran'ō, -prä'nō) *n., pl. -nos or -ni* [*It < sopra, above*] 1 the range of the highest voice of women or boys 2 a voice, singer, or instrument with such a range 3 a part for a soprano —*adj.* of or for a soprano

**sor·bet** (sôr bā', sôr'bət) *n.* [*Fr < Ar sharba(t), a drink*] a tart ice, as of fruit juice

**sor·cer·y** (sôr'sər ē) *n., pl. -ies* [*< L sors, lot, chance*] 1 in the belief of some, the use of an evil supernatural power over people 2 charm, influence, etc. —**sor'cer·er n. —sor'cer·ess fem.n.**

**sor·did** (sôr'did) *adj.* [*< L sordes, filth*] 1 dirty; filthy 2 squalid; wretched 3 base; ignoble; mean —**sor'did·ly adv. —sor'did·ness n.**

**sore** (sôr) *adj. sor'er, sor'est* [*OE sar*] 1 giving or feeling pain; painful 2 filled with grief 3 causing irritation [a sore point] 4 [Inf.] angry; offended —*n.* a sore, usually infected spot on the body —*adv.* [Archaic] greatly —**sore'ness n.**

**sore'head'** *n.* [Inf.] a person easily angered, made resentful, etc.

**sore'ly** *adv.* 1 grievously; painfully 2 urgently [*sorely needed*]

**sor·ghum** (sôr'gəm) *n.* [*< It sorgo*] 1 a cereal grass grown for grain, syrup, fodder, etc. 2 syrup made from its juices

**so·ror·i·ty** (sə rôr'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*< L soror, sister*] a group of women or girls joined together for fellowship, etc., as in some colleges

**sor·rel**<sup>1</sup> (sôr'al, sār'-) *n.* [*< OFr surele*] any of various plants with edible sour leaves

**sor·rel**<sup>2</sup> (sôr'al, sār'-) *n.* [*< OFr sor, light brown*] 1 light reddish brown 2 a horse, etc. of this color

**sor·row** (sär'ō, sôr'ō) *n.* [*OE sorg*] 1 mental suffering caused by loss, disappointment, etc.; grief 2 that which causes such suffering —*vi.* to grieve —**sor'row·ful adj. —sor'row·ful·ly adv.**

**sor·ry** (sär'ē, sôr'ē) *adj. -ri·er, -ri·est* [*< OE sar, sore*] 1 full of sorrow, pity, or regret 2 inferior; poor 3 wretched —**sor'ri·ly adv. —sor'ri·ness n.**

**sort** (sôrt) *n.* [*< L sors, lot, chance*] 1 any group of related things; kind; class 2 quality or type —*vt.* to arrange according to class or kind —**of sorts** of an inferior kind: also **of a sort** —**out of sorts** [Inf.] not in good humor or health —**sort of** [Inf.] somewhat

**sor·tie** (sôrt'ē) *n.* [*Fr < sortir, go out*] 1 a quick raid by forces from a besieged place 2 one mission by a single military plane



**SOS** (es'ō'es') *n.* a signal of distress, as in wireless telegraphy

**so'-so'** *adv., adj.* just passably or passable; fair

**sot** (sät) *n.* [*< ML sottus, a fool*] a drunkard —**sot'tish** *adj.*

**sot-to vo·ce** (sät'ō vō'chē) [*It, under the voice*] in a low voice, so as not to be overheard

**souf·flé** (sōō flā') *n.* [*Fr < L sufflare, puff out*] a baked food made light and puffy by beaten egg whites added before baking

**sough** (sou, suf) *n.* [*OE swogan, to sound*] a soft sighing or rustling sound —*vi.* to make a sough

**sought** (sôt) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of SEEK*

**soul** (sōl) *n.* [*OE sawol*] 1 an entity without material reality, regarded as the spiritual part of a person 2 the moral or emotional nature of a person 3 spiritual or emotional warmth, force, etc. 4 vital or essential part, quality, etc. 5 a person [*I didn't see a soul*] 6 the deep spiritual and emotional quality of black American culture; also, the expression of this, as in music —*adj.* of, for, or like black Americans

**soul food** [*Inf.*] food items, as chitterlings, popular orig. in the South, esp. among blacks

**soul'ful** *adj.* full of deep feeling —**soul'ful·ly** *adv.* —**soul'ful·ness** *n.*

**soul mate** [*Inf.*] a person, esp. of the opposite sex, with whom one has a deeply personal relationship

**sound**<sup>1</sup> (sound) *n.* [*< L sonus*] 1 that which is heard, resulting from stimulation of auditory nerves by vibrations (**sound waves**) in the air; also the vibrations 2 the distance within which a sound may be heard; earshot 3 the mental impression produced [*the sound of his report*] —*vi.* 1 to make a sound 2 to seem upon being heard [*to sound troubled*] —*vt.* 1 to cause to sound 2 to signal, express, etc. 3 to utter distinctly [*to sound one's r's*] —**sound'less** *adj.*

**sound**<sup>2</sup> (sound) *adj.* [*OE (ge)sund*] 1 free from defect, damage, or decay 2 healthy [*a sound body*] 3 safe; stable [*a sound bank*] 4 based on valid reasoning; sensible 5 thorough; forceful [*a sound defeat*] 6 deep and undisturbed: said of sleep 7 honest, loyal, etc. —*adv.* deeply [*sound asleep*] —**sound'ly** *adv.* —**sound'ness** *n.*

**sound**<sup>3</sup> (sound) *n.* [*< OE & ON sund*] 1 a wide channel linking two large bodies of water or separating an island from the mainland 2 a long inlet or arm of the sea

**sound**<sup>4</sup> (sound) *vt., vi.* [*< L sub, under + unda, a wave*] 1 to measure the depth of (water), esp. with a weighted line 2 to try to find out the opinions of (a person), usually subtly: often with *out* —**sound'ing** *n.*

**sound barrier** the large increase of air resistance of some aircraft flying near the speed of sound

**sound bite** a brief, quotable remark, as

by a politician, suitable for use in radio or TV news

**sounding board** 1 something to increase resonance or reflect sound: often **sound'board'** 2 a person on whom one tests one's ideas, etc.

**sound'proof** *adj.* that keeps sound from coming through —*vt.* to make soundproof

**sound'stage'** *n.* an enclosed soundproof area for producing films or TV shows

**sound'track'** *n.* the sound portion of a film

**soup** (sōōp) *n.* [*Fr soupe*] a liquid food made by cooking meat, vegetables, etc. in water, milk, etc. —**soup up** [*Slang*] to increase the capacity for speed of (an engine, etc.)

**soup·çon** (sōōp sōn') *n.* [*Fr < L suspicio, suspicion*] 1 a slight trace, as of a flavor 2 a tiny bit

**soup·y** (sōō'pē) *adj.* -i·er, -i·est 1 watery like soup 2 [*Inf.*] foggy

**sour** (sour) *adj.* [*OE sur*] 1 having the sharp, acid taste of vinegar, etc. 2 made acid or rank by fermentation 3 cross; bad-tempered 4 distasteful or unpleasant —*vt., vi.* to make or become sour —**sour'ly** *adv.* —**sour'ness** *n.*

**source** (sôrs) *n.* [*< L surgere, to rise*] 1 a spring, etc. from which a stream arises 2 a place or thing from which something originates or develops 3 a person, book, etc. that provides information

**sour cream** thickened and soured cream

**sour·dough** (sour'dō') *n.* 1 bread made from fermented dough 2 a lone prospector for gold, etc., as in the W U.S.

**sour grapes** a scorning of something only because it cannot be had or done

**sour'puss'** (-pōos') *n.* [*Slang*] a gloomy or disagreeable person

**souse** (sous) *n.* [*< OHG sulza, brine*] 1 a pickled food, as pigs' feet 2 liquid for pickling; brine 3 a plunging into a liquid 4 [*Slang*] a drunkard —*vt., vi.* **soused, sous'ing** 1 to pickle 2 to plunge into a liquid 3 to make or become soaking wet

**soused** *adj.* [*Slang*] drunk

**south** (south) *n.* [*OE suth*] 1 the direction to the left of one facing the sunset (180° on the compass) 2 a region in or toward this direction —*adj.* 1 in, of, or toward the south 2 from the south —*adv.* in or toward the south —**go south** [*Inf.*] to decline, deteriorate, fail, etc. —**the South** that part of the U.S. south of Pennsylvania and the Ohio River, and generally east of the Mississippi; specif., the states that formed the Confederacy

**South Africa** country in southernmost Africa: 472,855 sq. mi.; pop. 37,714,000

**South America** S continent in the Western Hemisphere: c. 6,900,000 sq. mi.; pop. c. 318,000,000 —**South American**

**South Bend** city in N Indiana: pop. 106,000

**South Car·o·li·na** (kar'ə li'nə) state of the SE U.S.: 30,111 sq. mi.; pop.



3,487,000; cap. Columbia: abbrev. SC —  
**South Caro·lin'i·an** (-lin'ē ən)

**South China Sea** arm of the W Pacific,  
between SE Asia & the Philippines

**South Da·ko·ta** (də kōt'ə) Midwestern  
state of the U.S.: 75,898 sq. mi.; pop.  
696,000; cap. Pierre: abbrev. SD —  
**South Da·ko'tan**

**south'east'** *n.* 1 the direction halfway  
between south and east 2 a region in or  
toward this direction —*adj.* 1 in, of, or  
toward the southeast 2 from the south-  
east —*adv.* in or toward the southeast  
—**south'east'er·ly** *adj., adv.* —  
**south'east'ern** *adj.* —**south'east'ward**  
*adv., adj.* —**south'east'wards** *adv.*

**south·er·ly** (suth'ər lē) *adj., adv.* 1  
toward the south 2 from the south

**south·ern** (suth'ərn) *adj.* 1 in, of, or  
toward the south 2 from the south 3  
of the south

**south'ern·er** *n.* a person born or living  
in the south

**Southern Hemisphere** that half of the  
earth south of the equator

**southern lights** [also S-L] aurora aus-  
tralis

**south·paw** (south'pô') *n.* [Slang] a left-  
handed person; esp., a left-handed  
baseball pitcher

**South Pole** the southern end of the  
earth's axis

**South Sea Islands** the islands in the S  
Pacific

**south'ward** *adv., adj.* toward the south:  
also **south'wards** *adv.*

**south'west'** *n.* 1 the direction halfway  
between south and west 2 a region in  
or toward this direction —*adj.* 1 in, of,  
or toward the southwest 2 from the  
southwest [a *southwest* wind] —*adv.*  
toward or in the southwest —  
**south'west'er·ly** *adj., adv.* —  
**south'west'ern** *adj.* —**south'west'ward**  
*adv., adj.* —**south'west'wards** *adv.*

**sou·ve·nir** (sō'və nir') *n.* [< Fr < L *sub-venire*, come to mind] something kept  
as a reminder

**sov·er·eign** (säv'rən, -ər in) *adj.* [< L  
*super*, above] 1 above all others; chief;  
supreme 2 supreme in power, rank,  
etc. 3 independent of all others [a *sov-  
ereign* state] —*n.* 1 a monarch or ruler  
2 a British gold coin worth one pound:  
no longer minted

**sov'er·eign·ty** *n.* 1 the status, rule,  
etc. of a sovereign 2 supreme and inde-  
pendent political authority

**so·vi·et** (sō'vē et') *n.* [Russ *sovyet*, coun-  
cil] 1 in Russia, Uzbekistan, and, for-  
merly, the Soviet Union, any of the  
various elected governing councils,  
local, intermediate, and national 2 any  
similar council in a socialist governing  
system —*adj.* [S-] of or connected with  
the Soviet Union

**Soviet Union** UNION OF SOVIET SOCIAL-  
IST REPUBLICS

**sow**<sup>1</sup> (sou) *n.* [OE *sugu*] an adult female  
pig

**sow**<sup>2</sup> (sō) *vt.* sowed, sown (sōn) or  
sowed, **sow'ing** [OE *sawan*] 1 to scat-  
ter (seed) for growing 2 to plant seed in  
(a field, etc.) 3 to spread or scatter —*vi.*

to sow seed —**sow'er** *n.*

**SOX** (sāks) *n. alt. pl. of SOCK*<sup>1</sup>

**soy** (soi) *n.* [Jpn] 1 a dark, salty sauce  
made from fermented soybeans: in full  
**soy sauce** 2 the soybean plant or its  
seeds Also [Chiefly Brit.] **soy·a** (soi'ə)

**soy'bean'** *n.* 1 a plant widely grown for  
its seeds, which contain much protein  
and oil 2 its seed

**sp** *abbrev.* 1 special 2 spelling

**Sp** *abbrev.* 1 Spain 2 Spanish

**spa** (spā) *n.* [after *Spa*, resort in Bel-  
gium] 1 a health resort having a min-  
eral spring 2 a commercial establish-  
ment with exercise rooms, sauna baths,  
etc.

**space** (spās) *n.* [< L *spatium*] 1 *a*) the  
continuous, three-dimensional expanse  
in which all things are contained *b*)  
OUTER SPACE 2 *a*) the distance, area,  
etc. between or within things *b*) room  
for something [a parking *space*] 3 an  
interval of time —*vt.* **spaced**, **spac'ing**  
to arrange with space or spaces  
between

**space'craft'** *n., pl. -craft'* any vehicle or  
satellite for orbiting the earth, for  
space travel, etc.

**spaced'-out'** *adj.* [Slang] under or as if  
under the influence of a drug: also  
**spaced**

**space'flight'** *n.* flight in a spacecraft

**space heater** a small heating unit for a  
room or other confined area

**space'man'** (-man', -mən) *n., pl. -men'*  
(-men', -mən) an astronaut or any of the  
crew of a spaceship

**space'port'** *n.* a center for assembling,  
testing, and launching spacecraft

**space'ship'** *n.* a spacecraft, esp. if  
manned

**space shuttle** an airplanelike space-  
craft designed to carry personnel and  
equipment between earth and a space  
station

**space station** (or **platform**) a space-  
craft in long-term orbit serving as a  
launch pad, research center, etc.

**space'suit'** *n.* a garment pressurized for  
use by astronauts

**space'walk'** *n.* the act of an astronaut  
in moving about in space outside a  
spacecraft

**space·y** or **spac·y** (spā'sē) *adj.* -i·er, -i-  
est [Slang] 1 SPACED-OUT 2 *a*) eccen-  
tric or unconventional *b*) flighty, irre-  
sponsible, neurotic, etc. —**spac'i·ness** *n.*

**spa·cious** (spā'shəs) *adj.* having more  
than enough space; vast —**spa'cious·ly**  
*adv.* —**spa'cious·ness** *n.*

**Spack·le** (spak'al) [prob. < Ger *spachtel*,  
spatula] *trademark* for a powder mixed  
with water to form a paste that dries  
hard, used to fill holes, cracks, etc. in  
wallboard, wood, etc. —*n.* [S-] this sub-  
stance —*vt.* -led, -ling [S-] to fill or cover  
with spackle

**spade**<sup>1</sup> (spād) *n.* [OE *spadu*] a flat-  
bladed, long-handled digging tool, like a  
shovel —*vt., vi.* **spad'ed**, **spad'ing** to dig  
with or as with a spade —**spade'ful** *n.*

**spade**<sup>2</sup> (spād) *n.* [ult. < Gr *spathē*, flat



blade] 1 any of a suit of playing cards marked with black figures like this ♠ 2 [*pl.*] this suit

**spade'work** *n.* preparatory work for some main project, esp. when tiresome

**spa·dix** (spā'diks) *n., pl. -dix-es or -di·ces' (-də sēz')* [ult. < Gr] a spike of tiny flowers, usually enclosed in a spathe

**spa·ghet·ti** (spə get'ē) *n.* [It < *spago*, small cord] pasta in long, thin strings, boiled or steamed

**Spain** (spān) *n.* country in SW Europe: 190,191 sq. mi.; pop. 38,872,000

**spake** (spāk) *vi., vt. archaic pt. of SPEAK*

**span** (span) *n.* [OE *sponn*] 1 the distance (about 9 in.) between the tips of the thumb and little finger 2 *a*) the full extent between any two limits *b*) the distance between ends or supports [the *span* of an arch] *c*) the full duration (of) [a *span* of attention] 3 a part between two supports —*vt.* **spanned**, **span'ning** 1 to measure, esp. by the span of the hand 2 to extend over

**Span** *abbrev.* Spanish

**span·dex** (span'deks') *n.* [EXPAND] an elastic synthetic fiber used in girdles, etc.

**span·gle** (span'gəl) *n.* [OE *spang*, a clasp] a small piece of bright metal sewn on fabric for decoration —*vt.* **-gled**, **-gling** to decorate as with span-gles

**Span·iard** (span'yərd) *n.* a person born or living in Spain

**span·iel** (span'yəl) *n.* [MFr *espagnol*, lit., Spanish] any of several breeds of dog with large, drooping ears and a dense, wavy coat

**Span·ish** (span'ish) *adj.* of Spain or its people, language, etc. —*n.* the language of Spain and Spanish America —**the Spanish** the people of Spain

**Spanish America** those countries south of the U.S. in which Spanish is the chief language —**Span'ish-A·mer'i·can** *adj., n.*

**Spanish moss** a rootless plant that grows in long, graceful strands from tree branches in the SE U.S.

**spank** (spank) *vt.* [echoic] to strike with the open hand, etc., esp. on the buttocks, as in punishment —*n.* a smack given in spanking

**spank'ing** *adj.* 1 swiftly moving 2 brisk: said of a breeze —*adv.* [Inf.] completely [*spanking* new]

**spar**<sup>1</sup> (spär) *n.* [ON *sparri* or MDu *sparre*] any pole, as a mast or yard, supporting a sail of a ship

**spar**<sup>2</sup> (spär) *vi.* **sparred**, **spar'ring** [prob. < It *parare*, to parry] 1 to box with

feinting movements, landing few heavy blows 2 to wrangle

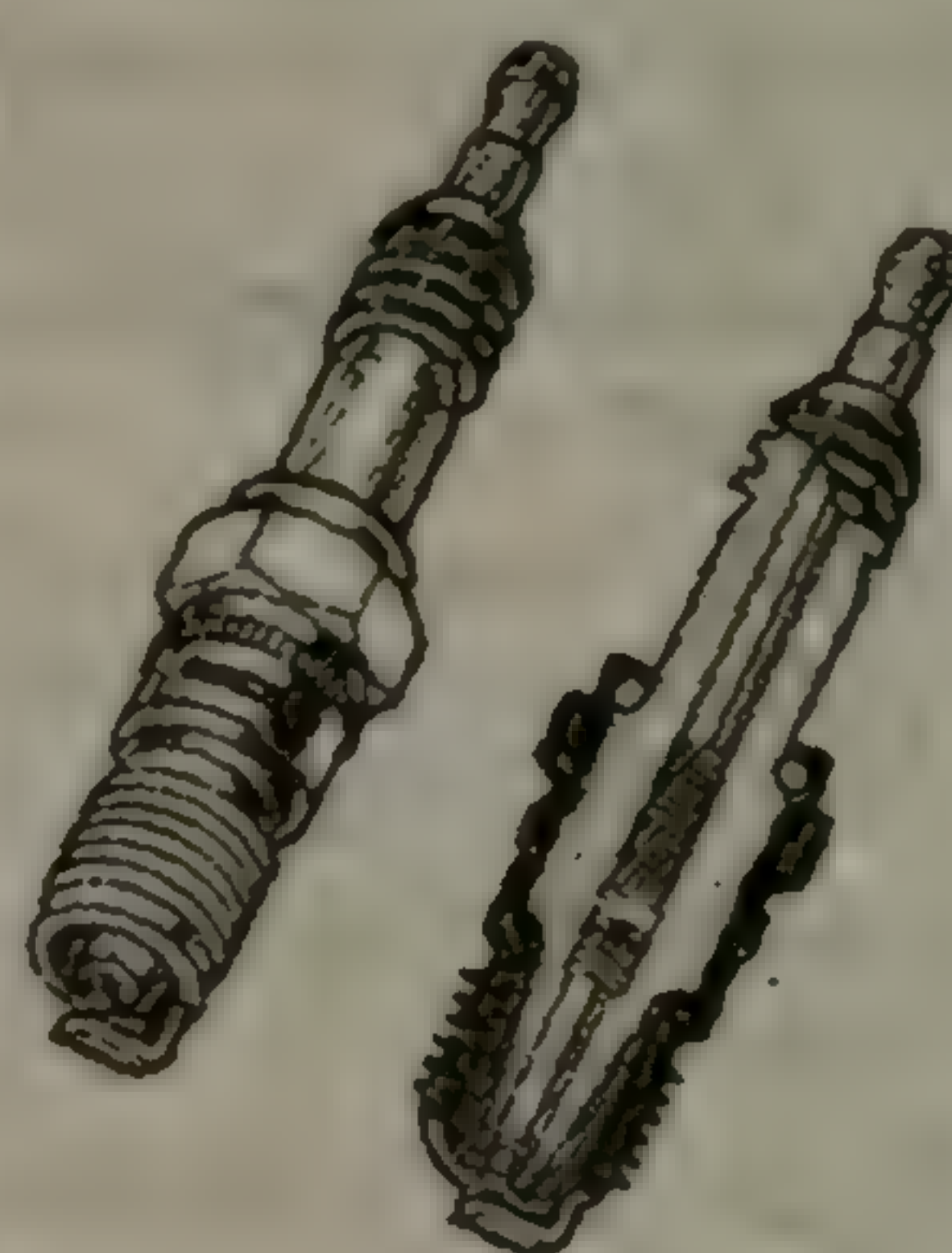
**spare** (sper) *vt.* **spared**, **spar'ing** [OE *sparian*] 1 to refrain from killing, hurting, etc. 2 to save or free (a person) from something 3 to avoid using or use frugally 4 to part with or give up conveniently [can you *spare* a dime?] —*adj.* 1 not in regular use; extra 2 free [*spare* time] 3 meager; scanty 4 lean; thin —*n.* 1 a spare, or extra, thing 2 *Bowling* a knocking down of all the pins with two rolls of the ball — **spare'ly** *adv.*

**spare'ribs'** *pl.n.* a cut of meat, esp. pork, consisting of the thin end of the ribs

**spar'ing** *adj.* careful; frugal —**spar'ing-ly** *adv.*

**spark** (spärk) *n.* [OE *spearca*] 1 a glowing bit of matter, esp. one thrown off by a fire 2 any flash or sparkle 3 a particle or trace 4 a brief flash of light accompanying an electric discharge as through air —*vi.* to make sparks —*vt.* to stir up; activate

**spar·kle** (spär'kəl) *vi.* **-kled**, **-kling** 1 to throw off sparks 2 to glitter 3 to effervesce or bubble 4 to be brilliant and lively — *n.* 1 a sparkling 2 brilliance; liveliness —**spar'kler** (-klər) *n.*



SPARK PLUG

**spark plug** an electrical device fitted into a cylinder of an engine to ignite the fuel mixture by making sparks

**spar·row** (spar'ō) *n.* [OE *spearwa*] any of numerous small, perching songbirds

**sparse** (spärs) *adj.* [L *spargere*, scatter] thinly spread; not dense — **sparse'ly** *adv.* —**sparse'ness** or **spar'si-ty** (-sə tē) *n.*

**Spar·ta** (spärt'ə) ancient city in S Greece: a military power

**Spar·tan** (spärt'n) *adj.* 1 of ancient Sparta or its people or culture 2 like the Spartans; warlike, hardy, disciplined, etc. —*n.* a Spartan person

**spasm** (spaz'əm) *n.* [Gr *spasmos*] 1 a sudden, involuntary muscular contraction 2 any sudden, violent, temporary activity, feeling, etc. —*vi.* to undergo a spasm

**spas·mod·ic** (spaz mäd'ik) *adj.* [see prec. & -OID] of or like spasms; fitful — **spas·mod'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**spas·tic** (spas'tik) *adj.* of or characterized by muscular spasms —*n.* one having spastic paralysis

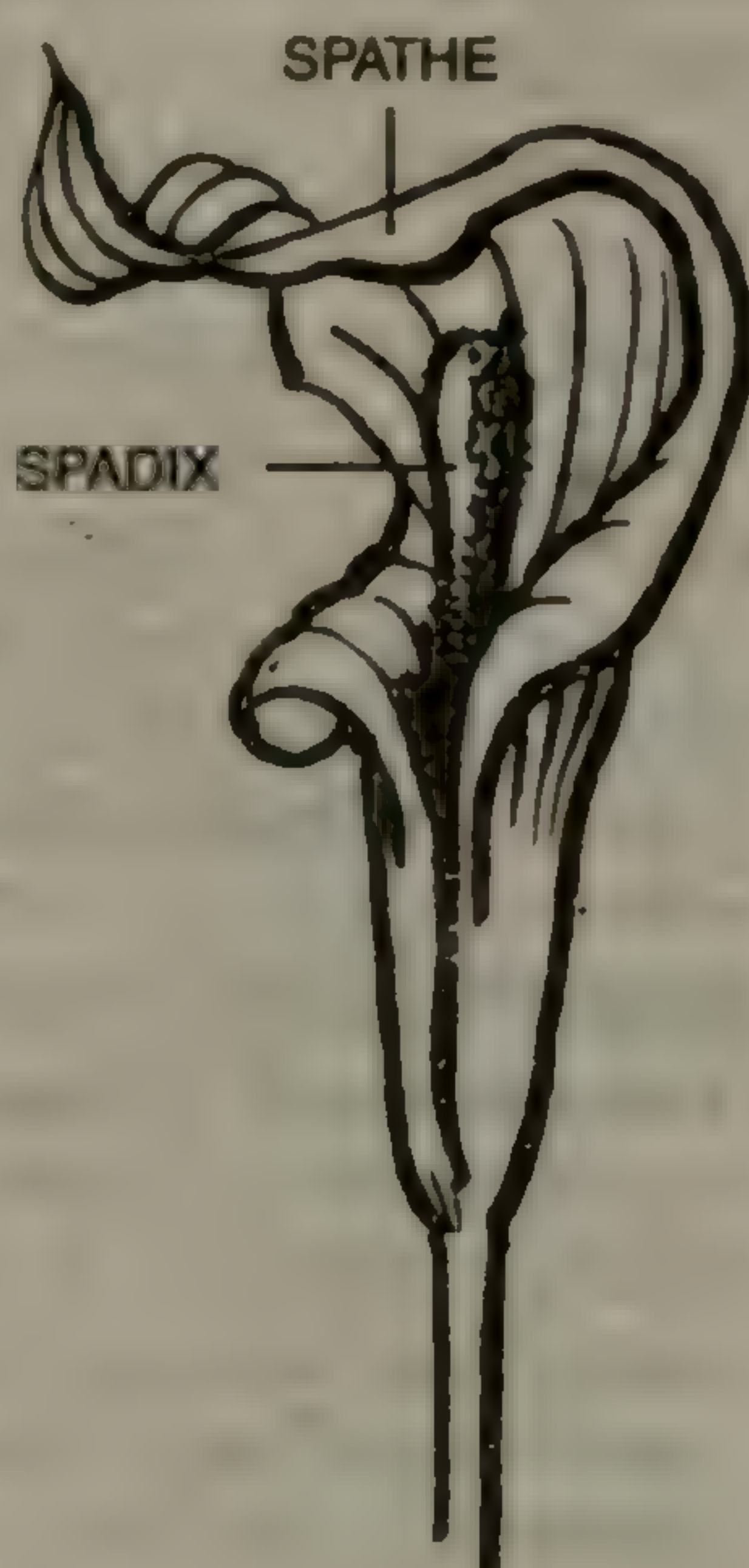
**spat**<sup>1</sup> (spat) [Inf.] *n.* [prob. echoic] a brief, petty quarrel —*vi.* **spat'ted**, **spat'ting** to engage in a spat

**spat**<sup>2</sup> (spat) *n.* [L *spatardash*, a legging] a gaiterlike covering for the instep and ankle

**spat**<sup>3</sup> (spat) *vt., vi. alt. pt. & pp. of SPIT<sup>2</sup>*

**spate** (spät) *n.* [L *spat*] an unusually large flow, as of words

**spathe** (späth) *n.* [L *spatha*, a flat blade] a large, leaflike part enclosing a flower cluster





**spa·tial** (spā'shəl) *adj.* [*< L spatium, space*] of, or existing in, space

**spat·ter** (spat'ər) *vt., vi.* [*< ?*] 1 to scatter or spurt out in drops 2 to splash — *n.* 1 a spattering 2 a mark caused by spattering

**spat·u·la** (spach'ə lə) *n.* [*L < Gr spathē, flat blade*] an implement with a broad, flat, flexible blade for spreading or blending foods, paints, etc.

**spat'·u·late'** (-lāt') *adj.* shaped like a spatula

**spav·in** (spav'in) *n.* [*< MFr esparvain*] a disease that lames horses in the hock joint — **spav'ined** *adj.*

**spawn** (spôn) *vt., vi.* [*< L expandere: see EXPAND*] 1 to produce or deposit (eggs, sperm, or young) 2 to bring forth or produce prolifically — *n.* 1 the mass of eggs or young produced by fish, mollusks, etc. 2 something produced, esp. in great quantity, as offspring

**spay** (spā) *vt.* [*< Gr spathē, flat blade*] to sterilize (a female animal) by removing the ovaries

**speak** (spēk) *vi.* spoke, spo'ken, speak'ing [*OE sp(r)ecan*] 1 to utter words; talk 2 to communicate as by talking 3 to make a request (for) 4 to make a speech — *vt.* 1 to make known as by speaking 2 to use (a given language) in speaking 3 to utter (words) — **so to speak** that is to say — **speak out** (or **up**) to speak clearly or freely — **speak to** to respond to, deal with, etc. — **speak well for** to say or indicate something favorable about

**speak'-eas'y** (-ē'zē) *n., pl. -ies* [*Old Slang*] a place where alcoholic drinks are sold illegally

**speak'er** *n.* 1 one who speaks; esp., a) an orator b) the presiding officer of various lawmaking bodies c) [S-] the presiding officer of the U.S. House of Representatives 2 a device for converting electrical signals to audible sound waves

**spear** (spir) *n.* [*OE spere*] 1 a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp point, for thrusting or throwing 2 [*var. of SPIRE*] a long blade or shoot, as of grass — *vt.* 1 to pierce or stab with or as with a spear 2 [*Inf.*] to reach out and catch (a baseball, etc.)

**spear'fish'** *n., pl. -fish' or (for different species) -fish'es* any of a group of large food and game fishes of the open seas — *vi.* to fish with a spear, etc.

**spear'head'** *n.* 1 the pointed head of a spear 2 the leading person or group, as in an attack — *vt.* to take the lead in (an attack, etc.)

**spear'mint'** *n.* [*prob. from the shape of its flowers*] a fragrant plant of the mint family, used for flavoring

**spec**<sup>1</sup> (spek) [*Inf.*] *n. short for:* 1 SPECIFICATION (sense 1) 2 SPECULATION — **on spec** 1 according to specification(s) 2 as a speculation or gamble

**spec**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1<sup>o</sup> special 2 specifically

**spe·cial** (spesh'əl) *adj.* [*< L species, kind*] 1 distinctive or unique 2 exceptional; unusual 3 highly valued 4 of or for a particular purpose, etc. 5 not general; specific — *n.* a special thing, as,

specif., a sale item — **spe'cial·ly** *adv.*

**special delivery** mail delivery by a special messenger, for a special fee

**spe'cial·ist** *n.* one who specializes in a particular field of study, work, etc.

**spe'cial·ize'** *vi.* -ized', -izing to concentrate on a particular branch of study, work, etc. — **spe'cial·i·za'tion** *n.*

**spe'cial·ty** *n., pl. -ties* 1 a special quality, feature, etc. 2 a special interest, study, etc.

**spe·cie** (spē'shē, -sē) *n.* [*< L species, kind*] coin, rather than paper money

**spe·cies** (spē'shēz, -sēz) *n., pl. -cies* [*L, appearance, kind*] 1 a distinct kind; sort 2 any of the groups of related plants or animals that usually breed only among themselves: similar species form a genus

**specif** *abbrev.* specifically

**spe·cif·ic** (spə sif'ik) *adj.* [*< L species, kind + -ficus, -FIC*] 1 definite; explicit 2 peculiar to or characteristic of something 3 of a particular kind 4 specially indicated as a cure for some disease — *n.* 1 a specific cure 2 a distinct item or detail; particular — **spe·cif·i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**-spe·cif·ic** *combining form* limited or specific to

**spec·i·fi·ca·tion** (spes'ə fi kā'shən) *n.* 1 [*usually pl.*] a statement or enumeration of particulars, as to size, quality, or terms 2 something specified

**specific gravity** the ratio of the weight or mass of a given volume of a substance to that of an equal volume of another substance (as water) used as a standard

**spec·i·fy** (spes'ə fī') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [*< LL specificus, specific*] 1 to state definitely 2 to include in a set of specifications

**spec·i·men** (spes'ə mən) *n.* [*L < specere, see*] 1 a part or individual used as a sample of a whole or group 2 *Med.* a sample, as of urine, for analysis

**spe·cious** (spē'shəs) *adj.* [*< L species, appearance*] seeming to be good, sound, correct, etc. without really being so — **spe'cious·ly** *adv.*

**speck** (spek) *n.* [*OE specca*] 1 a small spot, mark, etc. 2 a very small bit — *vt.* to mark with specks

**speck·le** (spek'əl) *n.* a small speck — *vt.* -led, -ling to mark with speckles

**specs** (speks) *pl.n.* [*Inf.*] 1 spectacles; eyeglasses 2 specifications

**spec·ta·cle** (spek'tə kəl) *n.* [*< L specere, see*] 1 a remarkable sight 2 a large public show 3 [*pl.*] [*Old-fashioned*] a pair of eyeglasses

**spec·tac·u·lar** (spek tak'yə lər) *adj.* unusual to a striking degree — *n.* an elaborate show or display — **spec·tac'·u·lar·ly** *adv.*

**spec·ta·tor** (spek'tāt'ər) *n.* [*L < spectare, behold*] one who watches without taking an active part

**spec·ter** (spek'tər) *n.* [*< L spectare, behold*] a ghost; apparition: *Brit. sp. spec'tre*

**spec'tral** (-trəl) *adj.* 1 of or like a spec-



ter 2 of a spectrum

**spec·tro·scope** (spek'trə skōp') *n.* [*<* Ger, ult. *<* L *spectare*, behold] an optical instrument used for forming spectra for study —**spec'tro·scop'ic** (-skäp'ik) *adj.* —**spec·tros'co·py** (-träs'kə pē) *n.*

**spec·trum** (spek'trəm) *n.*, *pl.* -tra (-trə) or -trums [*<* L: see SPECTER] 1 the series of colored bands separated and arranged in order of their respective wavelengths by the passage of white light through a prism, etc. 2 a continuous range or entire extent

**spec·u·late** (spek'yə lāt') *vi.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [*<* L *specere*, see] 1 to ponder; esp., to conjecture 2 to take part in any risky venture (as buying or selling certain stocks, etc.) on the chance of making huge profits —**spec'u·la'tion** *n.* —**spec'u·la'tive** (-lāt'iv, -lə tiv) *adj.* —**spec'u·la'tor** *n.*

**speech** (spēch) *n.* [*<* OE *sprecan*, speak] 1 the act of speaking 2 the power to speak 3 that which is spoken; utterance, remark, etc. 4 a talk given to an audience 5 the language of a certain people

**speech'less** *adj.* 1 incapable of speech 2 silent, as from shock

**speed** (spēd) *n.* [*<* OE *spæd*, success] 1 swiftness; quick motion 2 rate of movement; velocity 3 an arrangement of gears, as for the drive of an engine 4 [Inf.] one's kind of taste, capability, etc. 5 [Slang] any of various amphetamine compounds —*vi.* **sped** (sped) or **speed'ed**, **speed'ing** to move rapidly, esp. too rapidly —*vt.* 1 to help to succeed; aid 2 to cause to speed —**speed up** to increase in speed —**up to speed** 1 working, etc. at full speed 2 [Inf.] fully informed —**speed'er** *n.*

**speed'boat** *n.* a fast motorboat

**speed·om·e·ter** (spi dām'ət ər) *n.* a device attached to a motor vehicle, etc. to indicate speed

**speed·ster** (spēd'stər) *n.* a very fast driver, runner, etc.

**speed'way** *n.* a track for racing automobiles or motorcycles

**speed'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 rapid; fast; swift 2 without delay; prompt —**speed'i·ly** *adv.*

**spe·le·ol·o·gy** (spē'lē əl'ə jē) *n.* [*<* Gr *spēlaion*, a cave] the scientific study and exploration of caves —**spe'le·ol'o·gist** *n.*

**spell**<sup>1</sup> (spel) *n.* [*<* OE, a saying] 1 a word or formula thought to have some magic power 2 irresistible influence; charm; fascination

**spell**<sup>2</sup> (spel) *vt.* spelled or spelt, **spell'ing** [*<* OFr *espeller*, explain] 1 to name, write, etc. in order the letters of (a word) 2 to make up (a word, etc.): said of specified letters 3 to mean [red spells danger] —*vi.* to spell words —**spell out** to explain in detail

**spell**<sup>3</sup> (spel) *vt.* spelled, **spell'ing** [*<* OE *spelian*] [Inf.] to work in place of (another) for an interval; relieve —*n.* 1 a period of work, duty, etc. 2 a period of anything [a spell of brooding] 3

[Inf.] a fit of illness

**spell'bind'** *vt.* -bound', -bind'ing to cause to be spellbound; fascinate —**spell'bind'er** *n.*

**spell'bound'** *adj.* held by or as by a spell; fascinated

**spell'-check'er** *n.* a word-processing program used to check the spelling of words in a document

**spell'down'** *n.* SPELLING BEE

**spell'er** *n.* 1 one who spells words 2 a textbook for teaching spelling

**spell'ing** *n.* 1 the act of one who spells words 2 the way a word is spelled; orthography

**spelling bee** a spelling contest, esp. one in which a contestant is eliminated after misspelling a word

**spe·lunk·er** (spi lun'kər) *n.* [*<* Gr *spēlynx*, a cave] a cave explorer —**spe·lunk'ing** *n.*

**spend** (spend) *vt.* spent, **spend'ing** [*<* L *expendere*: see EXPEND] 1 to use up, exhaust, etc. [his fury was spent] 2 to pay out (money) 3 to devote (time, labor, etc.) to something 4 to pass (time) —*vi.* to pay out or use up money, etc. —**spend'a·ble** *adj.* —**spend'er** *n.*

**spend'thrift'** *n.* one who wastes money —*adj.* wasteful

**spent** (spent) *vt.*, *vi.* *pt.* & *pp.* of SPEND —*adj.* 1 tired out; exhausted 2 used up; worn out

**sperm** (spärm) *n.* [*<* Gr *sperma*, seed] 1 the male generative fluid; semen 2 *pl.* sperm or sperms a male germ cell, esp. a spermatozoon

**sper·ma·to·zo·on** (spär'mə tə zō'än', -ən) *n.*, *pl.* -zo'a (-zō'ə) [*<* Gr *sperma*, seed + *zōion*, animal] the male germ cell, found in semen; which penetrates the egg of the female to fertilize it

**sperm·i·cide** (spär'mə sīd') *n.* [SPERM + -i- + -CIDE] an agent that kills spermatozoa —**sperm'i·cid'al** *adj.*

**sperm whale** a large toothed whale found in warm seas: its head contains a valuable lubricating oil (sperm oil)

**spew** (spyō) *vt.*, *vi.* [*<* OE *spiwan*] 1 to throw up (something) from or as from the stomach; vomit 2 to flow or cause to flow or gush forth —*n.* something spewed

**sp gr** *abbrev.* specific gravity

**sphere** (sfir) *n.* [*<* Gr *sphaira*] 1 any round body having the surface equally distant from the center at all points; globe; ball 2 the place, range, or extent of action, existence, knowledge, experience, etc. —**spher·i·cal** (sfer'i kəl, sfir'-) *adj.*

**sphe·roid** (sfir'oid) *n.* a body that is almost but not quite a sphere —**sphe·roi'dal** *adj.*

**sphinc·ter** (sfink'tər) *n.* [*<* Gr *sphingein*, to draw close] a ring-shaped muscle at a body orifice

**sphinx** (sfinks) *n.* [*<* Gr, strangler] 1 Gr. Myth. a winged monster with a lion's body and a woman's head 2 [S-] a statue with a lion's body and a man's head, near Cairo, Egypt 3 one who is difficult to know or understand

**spice** (spīs) *n.* [*<* L *species*, kind] 1 an



aromatic vegetable substance, as nutmeg or pepper, used to season food 2 that which adds zest or interest —*vt.* **spiced**, **spic'ing** 1 to season with spice 2 to add zest to —**spic'y**, **-i-er**, **-i-est**, *adj.* **spick-and-span** (spik'n span') *adj.* [*< spike, nail + ON spānn, a chip*] 1 new or fresh 2 neat and clean

**spic·ule** (spik'yool') *n.* [*< L spica, a point*] a hard, needlelike part

**spi·der** (spī'dər) *n.* [*< OE spinnan, to spin*] any of various arachnids that spin webs

**spi'der-y** *adj.* like a spider

**spiel** (spēl) *n.* [*Ger, play*] [*Slang*] a talk or harangue, as in selling

**spiff-y** (spif'ē) *adj.* **-i-er**, **-i-est** [*< dial. spiff, well-dressed person*] [*Slang*] spruce, smart, or dapper

**spig·ot** (spig'ət) *n.* [*ME spigote*] 1 a plug to stop the vent in a barrel, etc. 2 a faucet

**spike**<sup>1</sup> (spīk) *n.* [*< ON spīkr or MDu spīker*] 1 a long, heavy nail 2 a sharp-pointed projection, as on the sole of a shoe to prevent slipping —*vt.* **spiked**, **spik'ing** 1 to fasten or fit as with spikes 2 to pierce with, or impale on, a spike 3 to thwart (a scheme, etc.) 4 [*Slang*] to add alcoholic liquor to (a drink) —*vi.* to rise suddenly and rapidly

**spike**<sup>2</sup> (spīk) *n.* [*L spica*] 1 an ear of grain 2 a long flower cluster

**spill** (spil) *vt.* **spilled** or **spilt** (spilt), **spill'ing** [*OE spillan, destroy*] 1 to allow or cause, esp. unintentionally, to run, scatter, or flow over from a container 2 to shed (blood) 3 to throw off (a rider, etc.) 4 [*Inf.*] to let (a secret) become known —*vi.* to be spilled; overflow —*n.* 1 a spilling 2 a fall or tumble —**spill'age** *n.*

**spill'way** *n.* a channel to carry off excess water, as around a dam

**spin** (spin) *vt.* **spun**, **spin'ning** [*OE spinnan*] 1 *a)* to draw out and twist fibers of (wool, cotton, etc.) into thread *b)* to make (thread, etc.) thus 2 to make (a web, cocoon, etc.), as a spider does 3 to draw out (a story) to a great length 4 to rotate swiftly —*vi.* 1 to spin thread or yarn 2 to form a web, cocoon, etc. 3 to whirl 4 to seem to be spinning from dizziness 5 to move along swiftly and smoothly —*n.* 1 a spinning or rotating movement 2 a ride in a motor vehicle 3 a descent of an airplane, nose first along a spiral path 4 a particular emphasis or slant given to news, etc. —**spin off** to produce as an outgrowth or secondary development, etc. —**spin'ner** *n.*

**spi·na bi·fi·da** (spī'nə bif'i də) a congenital defect in which part of the spinal column is exposed, causing paralysis, etc.

**spin·ach** (spin'ich) *n.* [*ult. < Pers aspanākh*] 1 a plant with dark-green, juicy, edible leaves 2 these leaves

**spi·nal** (spī'nəl) *adj.* of or having to do with the spine or spinal cord —*n.* a spinal anesthetic

**spinal column** the series of joined vertebrae forming the axial support for the skeleton; spine; backbone

**spinal cord** the thick cord of nerve tissue in the spinal column

**spin·dle** (spin'dəl) *n.* [*< OE spinnan, to spin*] 1 a slender rod used in spinning for twisting, winding, or holding thread 2 a spindlelike thing 3 any rod or pin that revolves or serves as an axis for a revolving part

**spin·dly** (spind'lē) *adj.* **-dli-er**, **-dli-est** long or tall and very thin

**spin doctor** [*Slang*] a person employed as by a politician to use spin in presenting information in a favorable light

**spine** (spīn) *n.* [*< L spina, thorn*] 1 *a)* a sharp, stiff projection, as on a cactus *b)* anything like this 2 *a)* SPINAL COLUMN *b)* anything like this, as the back of a book —**spin'y**, **-i-er**, **-i-est**, *adj.*

**spine'less** *adj.* 1 having no spine or spines 2 lacking courage or willpower

**spin·et** (spin'it) *n.* [*< It spinetta*] a small upright piano

**spine'-tin'gling** *adj.* very thrilling, terrifying, etc.

**spin·ner·et** (spin'ə ret') *n.* the organ in spiders, caterpillars, etc., that spins thread for webs or cocoons

**spinning wheel** a simple machine for spinning thread with a spindle driven by a large wheel spun as by a treadle

**spin·off** (spin'ôf') *n.* a secondary benefit, product, development, etc.

**spin·ster** (spin'stər) *n.* [*ME < spinnen, to spin*] an unmarried woman, esp. an elderly one —**spin'ster·hood** *n.*

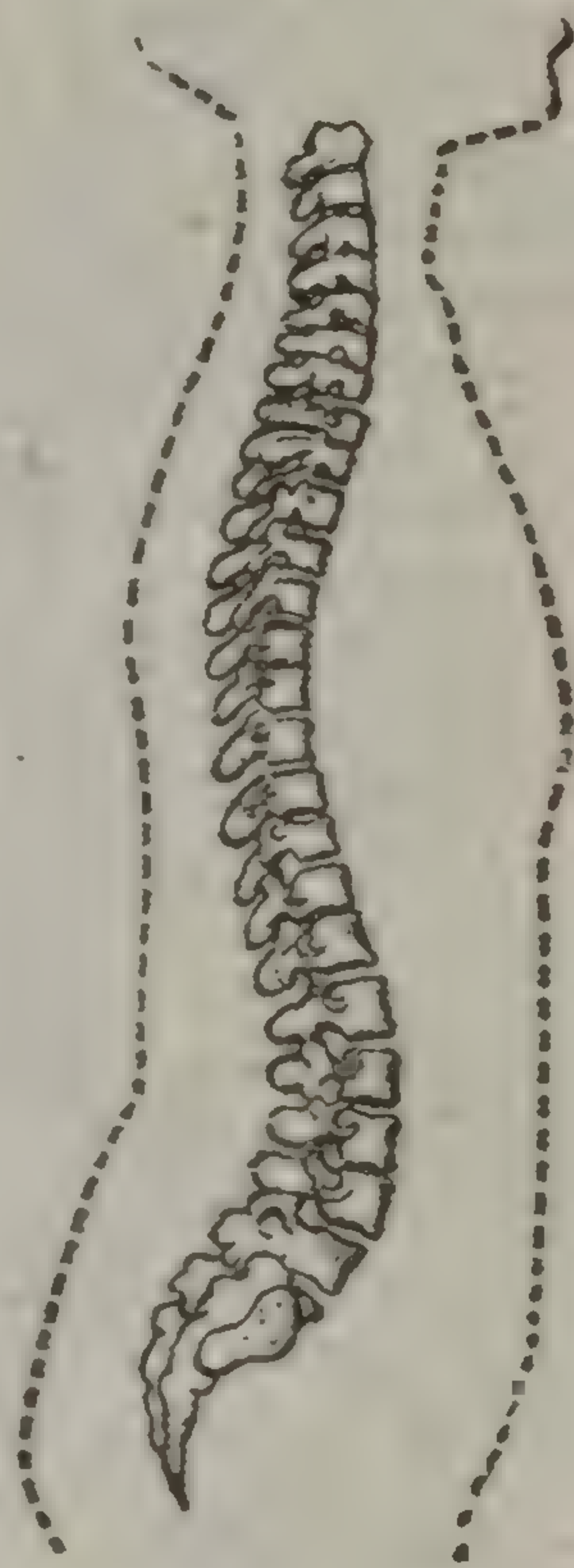
**spiny lobster** a type of lobster with a spiny shell and no pincers

**spi·ra·cle** (spir'ə kəl) *n.* [*< L < spirare, breathe*] an opening for breathing, as on the sides of an insect's body or on the top of a whale's head

**spi·ral** (spī'rəl) *adj.* [*< Gr speira, a coil*] circling around a point in constantly increasing (or decreasing) curves, or in constantly changing planes —*n.* 1 a spiral curve, coil, path, etc. 2 a continuous, widening decrease or increase [*an inflationary spiral*] —*vi.*, *vt.* **-raled** or **-ralled**, **-ral-ing** or **-ral-ling** to move in or form a spiral

**spire** (spīr) *n.* [*OE spir*] 1 the top part of a pointed, tapering object 2 anything tapering to a point, as a steeple

**spi·re·a** (spī rē'ə) *n.* [*< Gr speira, a coil*] a plant of the rose family, with dense clusters of small, pink or white flowers:



SPINAL COLUMN



also sp. *spi-rae'a*

**spir-it** (*spir'it*) *n.* [*< L spirare, breathe*] 1 *a*) the life principle, esp. in human beings *b*) SOUL (sense 1) 2 [*also S-*] life, will, thought, etc., regarded as separate from matter 3 a supernatural being, as a ghost or angel 4 an individual [*a brave spirit*] 5 [*usually pl.*] disposition; mood [*high spirits*] 6 vivacity, courage, etc. 7 enthusiastic loyalty [*school spirit*] 8 real meaning [*the spirit of the law*] 9 a pervading animating principle or characteristic quality [*the spirit of the times*] 10 [*usually pl.*] distilled alcoholic liquor —*vt.* to carry (*away, off, etc.*) secretly and swiftly —*spir'it-less adj.*

**spir'it-ed adj.** lively; animated

**spir-it-u-al** (*spir'i chōō əl*) *adj.* 1 of the spirit or the soul 2 of or consisting of spirit; not corporeal 3 of religion; sacred —*n.* a folk hymn, specif. one originating among S U.S. blacks —**spir'it-u-al'i-ty** (*-al'ə tē*) *n.* —**spir'it-u-al-ly adv.**

**spir'it-u-al-ism' n.** the belief that the dead survive as spirits that can communicate with the living —**spir'it-u-al-ist n.** —**spir'it-u-al-is'tic adj.**

**spir-it-u-ous** (*spir'i chōō əs*) *adj.* of or containing distilled alcohol

**spi-ro-chete** (*spī'rō kēt'*) *n.* [*< Gr speira, a coil + chaitē, hair*] any of various spiral-shaped bacteria

**spit<sup>1</sup>** (*spit*) *n.* [*OE spitu*] 1 a thin, pointed rod on which meat is roasted over a fire, etc. 2 a narrow point of land extending into the water —*vt.* spit'ted, spit'ting to fix as on a spit

**spit<sup>2</sup>** (*spit*) *vt.* spit or spat, spit'ting [*OE spittan*] 1 to eject from the mouth 2 to eject explosively —*vi.* to eject saliva from the mouth —*n.* 1 a spitting 2 saliva —**spit and image** [*Inf.*] perfect likeness: also **spitting image**

**spit'ball' n.** 1 paper chewed up into a wad for throwing 2 *Baseball* a pitch, now illegal, made to curve by wetting one side of the ball as with spit

**spite** (*spit*) *n.* [*see DESPITE*] ill will; malice —*vt.* spit'ed, spit'ing to vent one's spite upon by hurting, frustrating, etc. —**in spite of** regardless of —**spite'ful adj.**

**spit'fire' n.** a woman or girl easily aroused to violent anger

**spit-tle** (*spit'tl*) *n.* saliva; spit

**spit-toon** (*spi tōōn'*) *n.* a container to spit into

**splash** (*splash*) *vt.* [*echoic*] 1 to cause (a liquid) to scatter 2 to dash a liquid, mud, etc. on, so as to wet or soil —*vi.* to move, strike, etc. with a splash —*n.* 1 a splashing 2 a spot made by splashing —**make a splash** [*Inf.*] to attract great attention

**splash'down' n.** a spacecraft's soft landing on the sea

**splash'y adj.** -i-er, -i-est 1 splashing or apt to splash; wet, muddy, etc. 2 [*Inf.*] spectacular —**splash'i-ly adv.** —**splash'i-ness n.**

**splat<sup>1</sup>** (*splat*) *n.* [*< SPLIT*] a thin slat of

wood, as in a chair back

**splat<sup>2</sup>** (*splat*) *n., interj.* [*echoic*] (used to suggest) a splattering or wet, slapping sound —*vi.* 1 to make such a sound 2 to flatten on impact

**splat-ter** (*splat'ər*) *n., vt., vi.* spatter or splash

**splay** (*splā*) *vt., vi.* [*ME splaien*] to spread out or apart: often with *out* —*adj.* spreading outward

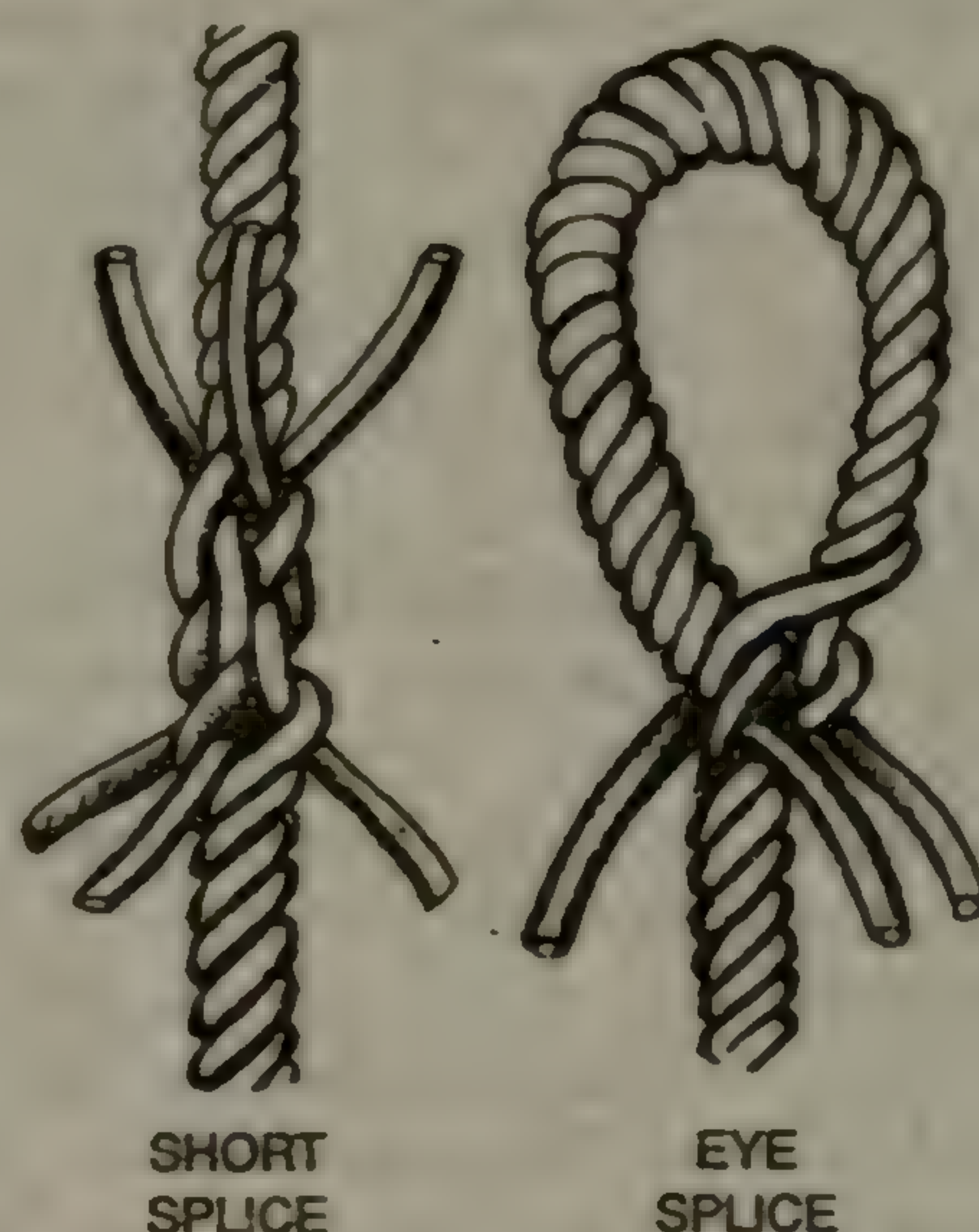
**splay'foot' n., pl. -feet'** a foot that is flat and turned outward —**splay'footed adj.**

**spleen** (*splēn*) *n.* [*< Gr splēn*] 1 a large lymphatic organ in the upper left part of the abdomen: it modifies the blood structure 2 malice; spite

**splen-did** (*splēn'did*) *adj.* [*< L splendere, to shine*] 1 shining; brilliant 2 magnificent; gorgeous 3 grand; illustrious 4 [*Inf.*] very good; fine —**splen'did-ly adv.**

**splen-dor** (*splēn'dər*) *n.* [*see prec.*] 1 great luster; brilliance 2 pomp; grandeur Brit. sp. *splen'dour*

**sple-net-ic** (*spli net'ik*) *adj.* 1 of the spleen 2 bad-tempered; irritable



**splice** (*splis*) *vt.* spliced, splic'ing [*MDu splissen*] 1 to join (ropes) by weaving together the end strands 2 to join the ends of (timbers) by overlapping 3 to fasten the ends of (wire, film, etc.) together, as by soldering or twisting —*n.* a joint made by splicing —**splic'er n.**

**splint** (*splint*) *n.* [*prob. < MDu splinte*] 1 a thin strip of wood, etc. woven with others to make baskets, etc. 2 a thin, rigid strip of wood, etc. used to hold a broken bone in place

**splin-ter** (*splin'tər*) *vt., vi.* [*see prec.*] to break or split into thin, sharp pieces —*n.* a thin, sharp piece, as of wood, made by splitting, etc.; sliver

**split** (*split*) *vt., vi.* split, split'ting [*MDu splitten*] 1 to separate lengthwise into two or more parts 2 to break or tear apart 3 to divide into shares 4 to dis-unite 5 *a*) to break (a molecule) into atoms *b*) to produce nuclear fission in (an atom) 6 *Finance* to divide (stock) by converting each share into two for more shares with the same overall value —*n.* 1 a splitting 2 a break; crack 3 a division in a group, etc. 4 [*often pl.*] the feat of spreading the legs apart on the floor until they lie flat —*adj.* divided; separated

**split'-lev'el adj.** having floor levels stag-



gered about a half story apart

**split pea** a green or yellow pea shelled, dried, and split: used esp. for soup

**split'ting** *adj.* severe, as a headache

**splotch** (splăch) *n.* [[prob. < SPOT + BLOTCH]] an irregular spot, splash, or stain —*vt., vi.* to mark or be marked with splotches —**splotch'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

**splurge** (splərj) [Inf.] *n.* [[echoic]] a spell of extravagant spending —*vi.* **splurged, splurg'ing** to spend money freely

**splut-ter** (splut'ər) *vi.* [[var. of SPUTTER]] 1 to make hissing or spitting sounds 2 to speak hurriedly and confusedly —*n.* a spluttering

**spoil** (spoil) *vt.* **spoiled** or [Brit.] **spoilt, spoil'ing** [[< L *spolium*, plunder]] 1 to damage so as to make useless, etc. 2 to impair the enjoyment, etc. of 3 to cause to expect too much by overindulgence —*vi.* to become spoiled; decay, etc., as food does —*n.* [usually *pl.*] plunder; booty —**spoil'age** *n.* —**spoil'er** *n.*

**spoil'sport'** *n.* one whose actions ruin the pleasure of others

**spoils system** the treating of public offices as the booty of a successful political party

**Spo-kane** (spō kan') city in E Washington: pop. 177,000

**spoke**<sup>1</sup> (spōk) *n.* [[OE *spaca*]] any of the braces or bars extending from the hub to the rim of a wheel

**spoke**<sup>2</sup> (spōk) *vi., vt. pt. & archaic pp. of SPEAK*

**spo-ken** (spō'kən) *vi., vt. pp. of SPEAK* —*adj.* 1 uttered; oral 2 having a (specified) kind of voice [soft-spoken]

**spokes-man** (spōks'mən) *n., pl. -men (-mən)* a person who speaks for another or for a group —**spokes'wom'an, pl. -wom'en, fem.n.**

**spokes'per'son** *n.* SPOKESMAN: used to avoid the masculine implication of *spokesman*

**spo-li-a-tion** (spō'lē ā'shən) *n.* [[< L *spoliatio*]] robbery; plundering

**sponge** (spunj) *n.* [[< Gr *spongia*]] 1 a stationary aquatic animal with a porous structure 2 the highly absorbent skeleton of such animals, used for washing surfaces, etc. 3 any substance like this, as a piece of light, porous rubber, etc. —*vt.* **sponged, spong'ing** 1 to dampen, wipe, absorb, etc. as with a sponge 2 [Inf.] to get as by begging, imposition, etc. —*vi.* [Inf.] to live as a parasite upon other people —**spong'er** *n.* —**spon'gy, -gi-er, -gi-est, adj.**

**sponge bath** a bath taken by using a wet sponge or cloth without getting into water

**sponge'cake'** *n.* a light, spongy cake without shortening: also **sponge cake**

**spn-sor** (spän'sər) *n.* [[L < *spondere*, promise solemnly]] 1 one who assumes responsibility for something; proponent, underwriter, endorser, etc. 2 a godparent 3 a business firm, etc. that pays for a radio or TV program advertising its product —*vt.* to act as sponsor for —**spon'sor-ship'** *n.*

**spn-ta-ne-i-ty** (spän'tə nē'ə tē, -nā'-)

*n.* 1 a being spontaneous 2 *pl. -ties* spontaneous behavior, action, etc.

**spn-ta-ne-ous** (spän tā'nē əs) *adj.* [[< L *sponte*, of free will]] 1 acting or resulting from a natural feeling or impulse, without constraint, effort, etc. 2 occurring through internal causes

**spontaneous combustion** the process of catching fire through heat generated by internal chemical action

**spoof** (spōof) *n.* 1 a hoax or joke 2 a light satire —*vt., vi.* 1 to fool; deceive 2 to satirize playfully

**spook** (spōok) [Inf.] *n.* [[Du]] a ghost —*vt., vi.* to frighten or become frightened

**spook'y** *adj. -i-er, -i-est* [Inf.] 1 weird; eerie 2 easily frightened; nervous, jumpy, etc.

**spool** (spōol) *n.* [[< MDu *spoele*]] 1 a cylinder on which thread, wire, etc. is wound 2 the material wound on a spool

**spoon** (spōon) *n.* [[< OE *spōn*, a chip]] 1 a utensil consisting of a small, shallow bowl and a handle, used for eating, stirring, etc. 2 something shaped like a spoon, as a shiny, curved fishing lure —*vt.* to take up with a spoon —**spoon'ful', pl. -fuls', n.**

**spoon'bill'** *n.* a wading bird whose flat bill is spoon-shaped at the tip

**spoon-er-ism** (spōon'ər iz'əm) *n.* [[after Rev. W. A. Spooner (1844-1930), of England, who made such slips]] an unintentional interchange of the initial sounds of words (Ex.: "a well-boiled icicle" for "a well-oiled bicycle")

**spoon'-feed'** *vt. -fed', -feed'ing* 1 to feed with a spoon 2 to pamper; coddle

**spoor** (spoor) *n.* [[Afrik]] the track or trail of a wild animal

**spo-rad-ic** (spə rad'ik) *adj.* [[< Gr *sporas*, scattered]] happening or appearing in isolated instances [*sporadic storms*] —**spo-rad'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**spore** (spôr) *n.* [[< Gr *spora*, a seed]] a small reproductive body produced by algae, ferns, etc. and capable of giving rise to a new individual

**sport** (spôrt) *n.* [[< DISPORT]] 1 any recreational activity; specif., a game, competition, etc. requiring bodily exertion 2 fun or play 3 [Inf.] a sportsmanlike person 4 [Inf.] a showy, flashy fellow 5 *Biol.* a plant or animal markedly different from the normal type —*vt.* [Inf.] to display [to *sport* a loud tie] —*vi.* to play —*adj.* 1 of or for sports 2 suitable for casual wear [a *sport* coat] Also, for *adj.*, **sports** —*in (or for) sport* in jest —**make sport of** to mock or ridicule

**sport'ing** *adj.* 1 of or interested in sports 2 sportsmanlike; fair 3 of games, races, etc. involving gambling or betting

**spor-tive** (spôrt'iv) *adj.* 1 full of sport or fun 2 done in fun —**spor'tive-ly** *adv.*

**sports car** a small car characterized by above-average speed and handling

**sports'cast'** *n.* a broadcast of sports news on radio or TV —**sports'cast'er** *n.*

**sports'man** (-mən) *n., pl. -men (-mən)* 1 a man who takes part in sports, esp. hunting, fishing, etc. 2 one who plays



fair and can lose without complaint or win without gloating —**sports'man-like' adj.** —**sports'man-ship' n.**

**sport utility vehicle** a vehicle like a station wagon, but with a small-truck chassis and, usually, four-wheel drive

**sport'y adj.** -i-er, -i-est [Inf.] 1 sporting or sportsmanlike 2 flashy or showy —**sport'i-ness n.**

**spot** (spät) *n.* [prob. < MDu *spotte*] 1 *a)* a small area differing in color, etc. from the surrounding area *b)* a stain, speck, etc. 2 a flaw or defect 3 a locality; place —**vt.** **spot'ted, spot'ting** 1 to mark with spots 2 to stain; blemish 3 to place; locate 4 to see; recognize 5 [Inf.] to allow as a handicap [to *spot* an opponent points] —**vi.** 1 to become marked with spots 2 to make a stain —**adj.** 1 ready [*spot cash*] 2 made at random [*a spot survey*] —**hit the spot** [Inf.] to satisfy a craving or need —**in a (bad) spot** [Slang] in trouble —**on the spot** [Slang] in a bad or demanding situation —**spot'less adj.** —**spot'less-ly adv.** —**spot'ted adj.**

**spot'-check' vt.** to check or examine at random or by sampling —*n.* such a checking

**spot'light' n.** 1 *a)* a strong beam of light focused on a particular person, thing, etc. *b)* a lamp used to project such a beam 2 public notice or prominence —**vt.** to light or draw attention to, by or as by a spotlight

**spot'ty adj.** -ti-er, -ti-est 1 having, occurring in, or marked with spots 2 not uniform or consistent —**spot'ti-ly adv.**

**spouse** (spous) *n.* [< L *sponsus*, betrothed] (one's) husband or wife —**spous-al** (spou'zəl) *adj.*

**spout** (spout) *n.* [< ME *spouten*, to spout] 1 a lip, orifice, or projecting tube by which a liquid is poured or discharged 2 a stream, etc. as of liquid from a spout —**vt., vi.** 1 to shoot out (liquid, etc.) as from a spout 2 to speak or utter (words, etc.) in a loud, pompous manner

**sprain** (sprān) **vt.** [< ? L *ex-*, out + *premere*, to press] to wrench a ligament or muscle of (a joint) without dislocating the bones —*n.* an injury resulting from this

**sprang** (spran) *vi., vt. alt. pt. of* SPRING

**sprat** (sprat) *n.* [OE *sprot*] a small European herring

**sprawl** (sprōl) *vi.* [< OE *spreawlian*, move convulsively] 1 to sit or lie with the limbs in a relaxed or awkward position 2 to spread out awkwardly or unevenly —*n.* 1 a sprawling movement or position 2 the uncontrolled spread of real-estate development into areas around a city

**spray<sup>1</sup>** (sprā) *n.* [prob. < MDu *spraeien*] 1 a mist of fine liquid particles 2 *a)* a jet of such particles, as from a spray gun *b)* a device for spraying 3 something likened to a spray —**vt., vi.** 1 to direct a spray (on) 2 to shoot out in a spray —**spray'er n.**

**spray<sup>2</sup>** (sprā) *n.* [ME] a small branch of a tree or plant, with leaves, flowers, etc.

**spray can** a can from which gas under pressure sprays out the contents

**spray gun** a device that shoots out a spray of liquid, as paint or insecticide

**spread** (spred) *vt., vi.* **spread, spread'ing** [OE *sprædan*] 1 to open or stretch out; unfold 2 to move (the fingers, wings, etc.) apart 3 to distribute or be distributed over an area or surface 4 to extend in time 5 to make or be made widely known, felt, etc. 6 to set (a table) for a meal 7 to push or be pushed apart —*n.* 1 the act or extent of spreading 2 an expanse 3 a cloth cover for a table, bed, etc. 4 jam, butter, etc. used on bread 5 [Inf.] a meal with many different foods —**spread'er n.**

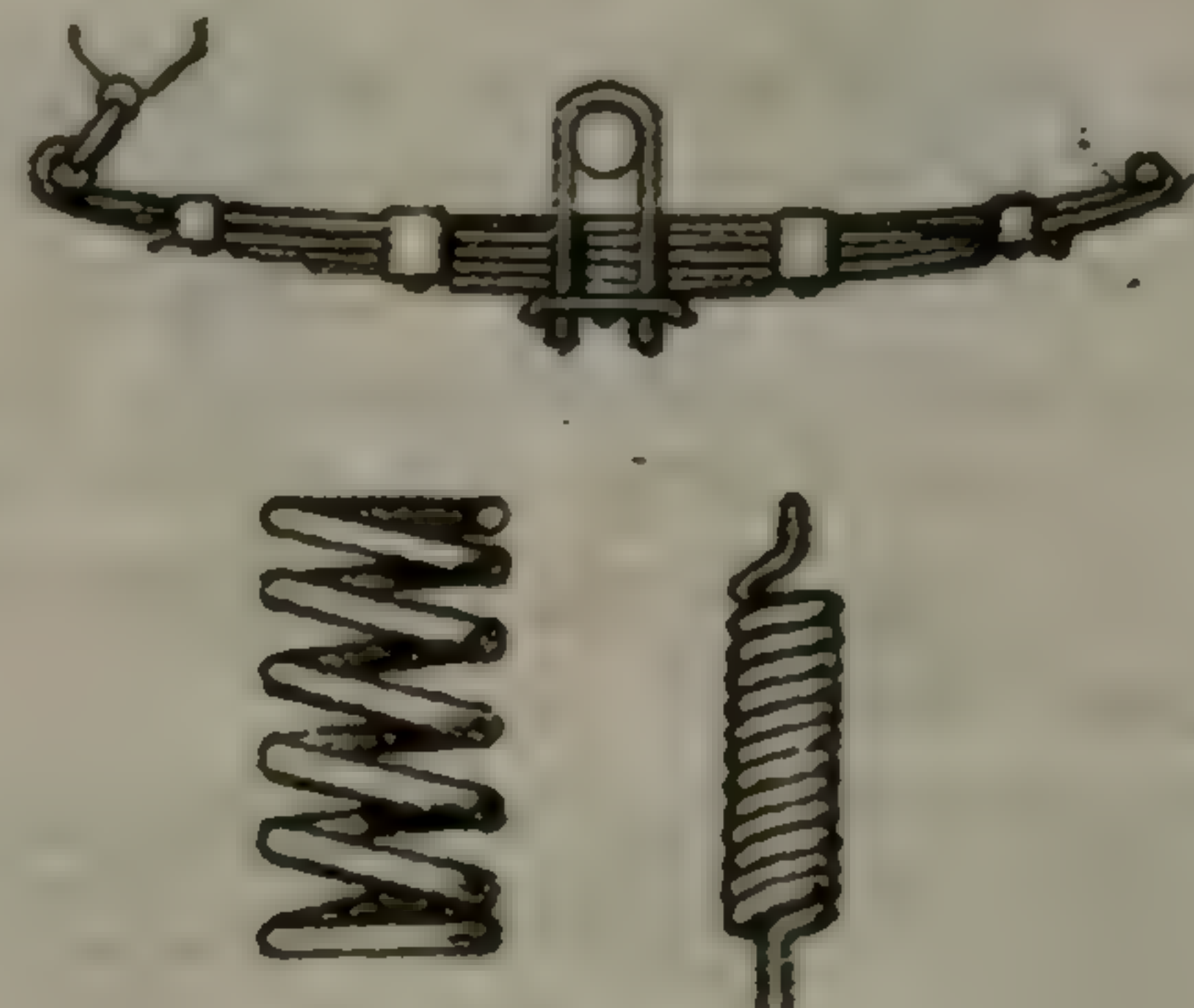
**spread'-ea'gle adj.** having the figure of an eagle with wings and legs spread —**vt. -gled, -gling** to stretch out in this form, as for a flogging

**spread'sheet' n.** a computer program that organizes numerical data into rows and columns on a video screen

**spree** (sprē) *n.* [< earlier *spray*] 1 a noisy frolic 2 a period of drunkenness 3 a period of uninhibited activity [*a shopping spree*]

**sprig** (sprig) *n.* [ME *sprigge*] a little twig or spray

**sprightly** (sprīt'lē) *adj.* -li-er, -li-est [< *spright*, var. of *SPRITE*] full of energy and spirit; lively —**adv.** in a sprightly manner —**spright'li-ness n.**



SPRINGS

**spring** (sprin) *vi.* **sprang or sprung, sprung, spring'ing** [OE *springan*] 1 to leap; bound 2 to come, appear, etc. suddenly 3 to bounce 4 to arise as from some source; grow or develop 5 to become warped, split, etc. Often followed by *up* —**vt.** 1 to cause (a trap, etc.) to snap shut 2 to cause to warp, split, etc. 3 to make known suddenly 4 [Slang] to get (someone) released from jail —*n.* 1 a leap, or the distance so covered 2 elasticity; resilience 3 a device, as a coil of wire, that returns to its original form after being forced out of shape 4 a flow of water from the ground 5 a source or origin 6 *a)* the season of the year following winter, when plants begin to grow *b)* any period of beginning —**adj.** 1 of, for, appearing in, or planted in the spring 2 having, or supported on, springs 3 coming from a spring [*spring water*] —**spring** a leak to begin unexpectedly to leak —**spring for** [Inf.] to bear the cost of for someone else

**spring'board' n.** a springy board used



as a takeoff in leaping or diving

**spring fever** the laziness or restlessness that many people feel in the early days of spring

**Spring-field** (sprɪŋ'fēld') 1 city in SW Missouri: pop. 140,000 2 capital of Illinois: pop. 105,000

**spring'time** *n.* the season of spring

**spring'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est having spring; elastic, resilient, etc. —**spring'i-ness** *n.*

**sprin-kle** (sprɪŋ'kəl) *vt., vi.* -kled, -kling [ME *sprinklen*] 1 to scatter or fall in drops or particles 2 to scatter drops or particles (upon) 3 to rain lightly —*n.* 1 a sprinkling 2 a light rain —**sprin'kler** *n.*

**sprin'kling** (-klin) *n.* a small number or amount, esp. when scattered thinly

**sprint** (sprɪnt) *vi., n.* [ME *sprenten*] run or race at full speed for a short distance —**sprint'er** *n.*

**sprite** (sprɪt) *n.* [L *spiritus*, spirit] *Folklore* an imaginary being, as an elf

**spritz** (sprɪts, shprɪts) *vt., vi., n.* [L *sprizen* & Yiddish *shprits*] squirt or spray

**spritz'er** *n.* a drink consisting of white wine and soda water

**sprock-et** (spræk'it) *n.* [L ?] 1 any of the teeth, as on the rim of a wheel, arranged to fit the links of a chain 2 a wheel fitted with such teeth: in full **sprocket wheel**

**sprout** (spraut) *vi.* [OE *sprutan*] to begin to grow; give off shoots —*vt.* to cause to sprout or grow. —*n.* 1 a young growth on a plant; shoot 2 a new growth from a bud, etc. 3 a new growth from a seed of alfalfa, etc., used as in salads

**spruce**<sup>1</sup> (sprūs) *n.* [ME *Spruce*, Prussia] 1 an evergreen tree with slender needles 2 its wood

**spruce**<sup>2</sup> (sprūs) *adj.* **spruc'er, spruc'est** [L *Spruce leather* (see prec.)] neat and trim in a smart way —*vt., vi.* **spruced, spruc'ing** to make (oneself) spruce: usually with *up*

**sprung** (sprʊŋ) *vi., vt. pp. & alt. pt. of* SPRING

**spry** (sprɪ) *adj.* **sprɪ'er or spry'er, sprɪ'est or spry'est** [L *Scand*] full of life; active, esp. though elderly —**spry'ly** *adv.* —**spry'ness** *n.*

**spud** (spʊd) *n.* [Inf.] a potato

**spume** (spyūm) *n.* [L *spuma*] foam, froth, or scum —*vi.* **spumed, spum'ing** to foam; froth

**spu-mo-ni** (spə mō'nē) *n.* [It < L *spuma*, foam] Italian ice cream in variously flavored and colored layers

**spun** (spʊn) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of* SPIN

**spunk** (spʊŋk) *n.* [Ir *sponc*, tinder] [Inf.] courage; spirit —**spunk'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

**spur** (spər) *n.* [OE *spura*] 1 a pointed device worn on the heel by a rider, used to urge a horse forward 2 anything that urges; stimulus 3 any spurlike projection 4 a short railroad track connected with the main track —*vt.* **spurred, spur'ring** 1 to prick with spurs 2 to urge or incite —**on the spur of the moment** abruptly and impul-

sively

**spurge** (spɜrj) *n.* [L *espurger*, to purge] any of a group of plants with milky juice and tiny flowers

**spu-ri-ous** (spyoor'ē əs, spər'-) *adj.* [L *spurius*, illegitimate] not genuine; false —**spu'ri-ous-ly** *adv.* —**spu'ri-ous-ness** *n.*

**spurn** (spɜrn) *vt.* [OE *spurnan*] to reject with contempt; scorn

**spurt** (spɜrt) *vt.* [prob. < OE *sprutan*, to sprout] to expel in a stream or jet —*vi.* 1 to gush forth in a stream or jet 2 to show a sudden, brief burst of energy, etc. —*n.* 1 a sudden shooting forth; jet 2 a sudden, brief burst of energy, etc.

**sput-nik** (spoot'nik, sput'-) *n.* [Russ, lit., co-traveler] any of a series of man-made satellites launched by the U.S.S.R. starting in 1957

**sput-ter** (sput'ər) *vi., vt.* [MDu *spot-ten*, to spit] 1 to spit out (bits, drops, etc.) explosively, as when talking excitedly 2 to speak or utter in a confused, explosive way 3 to make sharp, sizzling sounds, as frying fat does —*n.* a sputtering

**spu-tum** (spyūōt'əm) *n., pl. -ta* (-ə) [L *spuere*, to spit] saliva, usually mixed with mucus, ejected from the mouth

**spy** (spi) *vt.* **spied, spy'ing** [L *spēhōn*, examine] 1 to watch closely and secretly: often with *out* 2 to catch sight of; see —*vi.* to watch closely and secretly; act as a spy —*n., pl. spies* 1 one who keeps close and secret watch on others 2 one employed by a government to get secret information about another government

**spy'glass** *n.* a small telescope

**sq** *abbrev.* 1 sequence 2 squadron 3 square

**sqq.** *abbrev.* [L *sequentes; sequentia*] the following ones; what follows

**squab** (skwäb) *n.* [prob. < Scand] a nestling pigeon

**squab-ble** (skwäb'əl) *vi. -bled, -bling* [L *Scand*] to quarrel noisily over a small matter; wrangle —*n.* a noisy, petty quarrel —**squab'bler** *n.*

**squad** (skwäd) *n.* [L *Sp escuadra* or It *squadra*, a square] 1 a small group of soldiers, often a subdivision of a platoon 2 any small group of people working together

**squad car** PATROL CAR

**squad'ron** (-rən) *n.* [L *squadra*, a square] a unit of warships, military aircraft, etc.

**squal-id** (skwäl'id, skwôl'id) *adj.* [L *squalere*, be foul] 1 foul or unclean 2 wretched

**squall**<sup>1</sup> (skwôl) *n.* [L *Scand*] a brief, violent windstorm, usually with rain or snow —**squall'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

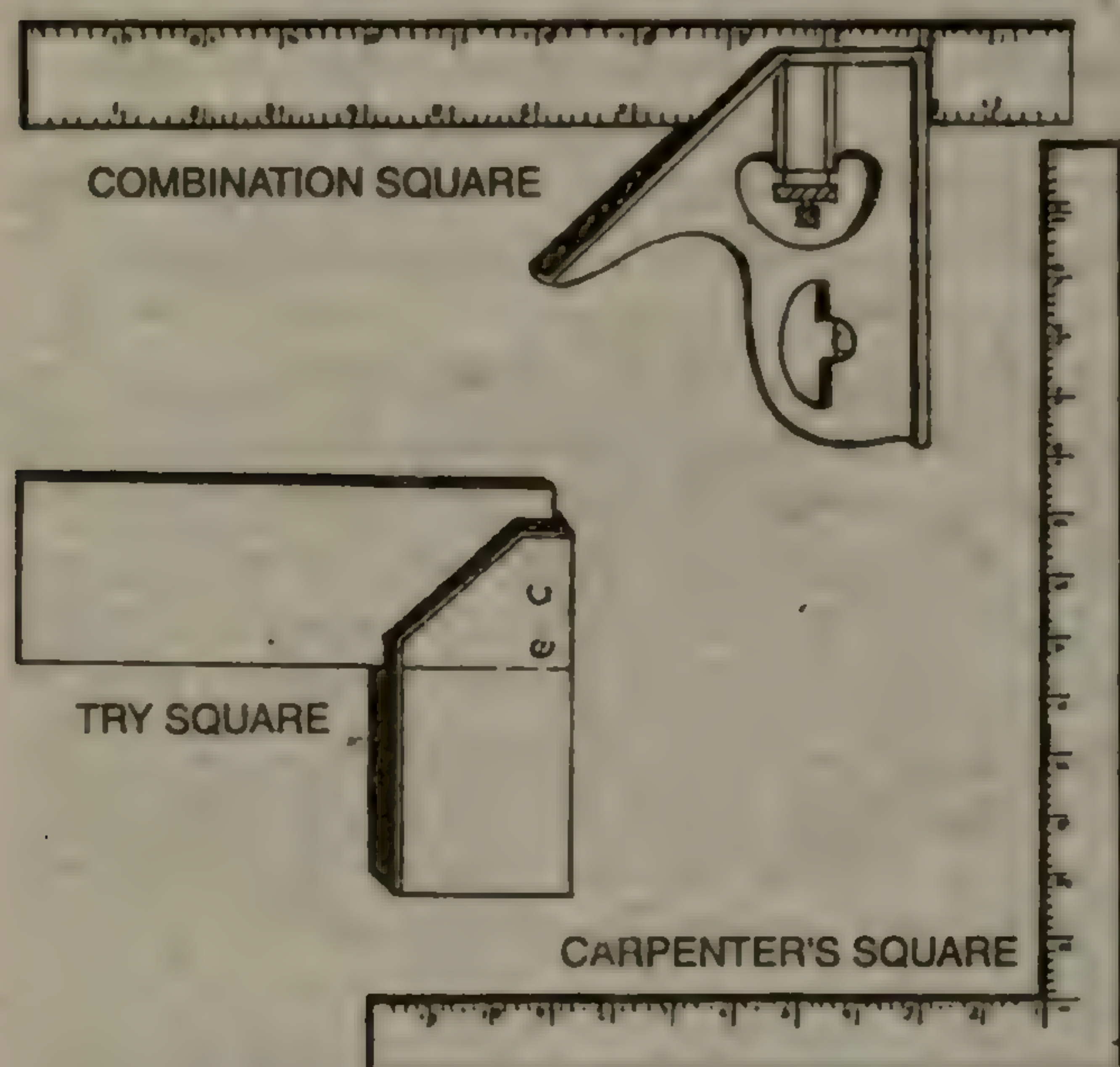
**squall**<sup>2</sup> (skwôl) *vi., vt.* [L *ON skuala*] to cry or scream loudly and harshly —*n.* a harsh cry or loud scream

**squal-or** (skwäl'ər, skwôl'ər) *n.* a being squalid; filth and wretchedness

**squa-mous** (skwä'məs) *adj.* [L *squama*, a scale] like, formed of, or covered with scales



**squan·der** (skwän'där) *vt.* [*prob. < dial. squander, to scatter*] to spend or use wastefully or extravagantly



**square** (skwer) *n.* [*< L ex, out + quadrare, to square*] 1 *a*) a plane figure having four equal sides and four right angles *b*) anything of or approximating this shape 2 an open area bounded by several streets, used as a park, etc. 3 an instrument for drawing or testing right angles 4 the product of a number multiplied by itself 5 [Slang] a person who is SQUARE (*adj.* 10) —*vt.* **squared, squar'ing** 1 to make square 2 to make straight, even, right-angled, etc. 3 to settle; adjust [*to square accounts*] 4 to make conform [*to square a statement with the facts*] 5 to multiply (a quantity) by itself —*vi.* to fit; agree; accord (*with*) —*adj.* **squar'er, squar'est** 1 having four equal sides and four right angles 2 forming a right angle 3 straight, level, even, etc. 4 leaving no balance; even 5 just; fair 6 direct; straightforward 7 designating a unit of surface measure in the form of a square [*a square foot*] 8 sturdy and somewhat rectangular [*a square jaw*] 9 [Inf.] substantial [*a square meal*] 10 [Slang] old-fashioned, unsophisticated, etc. —*adv.* in a square manner —**square off** to assume a posture of attack or self-defense —**square oneself** [Inf.] to make amends —**square'ly** *adv.* —**square'ness** *n.* —**squar'ish** *adj.*

**square dance** a dance with various steps, in which couples are grouped in a given form, as a square —**square'-dance', -danced', -danc'ing**, *vi.*

**square'-rigged'** *adj.* rigged with square sails as the principal sails

**square root** the number or quantity which when squared will produce a given number or quantity [*3 is the square root of 9*]

**squash**<sup>1</sup> (skwôsh, skwäsh) *vt.* [*< L ex-, intens. + quatere, to shake*] 1 to crush into a soft or flat mass; press 2 to suppress; quash —*vi.* 1 to be squashed 2 to make a sound of squashing —*n.* 1 the act or sound of squashing 2 a game played in a walled court with rackets and a rubber ball —**squash'y, -i-er, -i-est**, *adj.*

**squash**<sup>2</sup> (skwôsh, skwäsh) *n.* [*< AmInd*]

the fleshy fruit of various plants of the gourd family, eaten as a vegetable

**squat** (skwät) *vi.* **squat'ted, squat'ting** [*ult. < L ex-, intens. + cogere, to force*] 1 to crouch so as to sit on the heels with knees bent and weight resting on the balls of the feet 2 to crouch close to the ground 3 to settle on land without right or title 4 to settle on public land in order to get title to it —*adj.* **-ter, -test** short and heavy or thick: also **squat'ty, -ti-er, -ti-est** —*n.* the act or position of squatting —**squat'ness** *n.* —**squat'ter** *n.*

**squaw** (skwô) *n.* [*< AmInd*] [Now Rare] a North American Indian woman or wife: term now considered offensive

**squawk** (skwôk) *vi.* [*echoic*] 1 to utter a loud, harsh cry 2 [Inf.] to complain loudly —*n.* 1 a loud, harsh cry 2 [Inf.] a loud complaint

**squeak** (skwëk) *vi.* [*ME squeken*] to make or utter a sharp, high-pitched sound or cry —*vt.* to say in a squeak —*n.* a thin, sharp sound or cry —**narrow** (or **close**) **squeak** [Inf.] a narrow escape —**squeak through** (or **by**, etc.) [Inf.] to succeed, survive, etc. with difficulty —**squeak'y, -i-er, -i-est**, *adj.*

**squeak'er** *n.* [Inf.] a narrow escape, victory, etc.

**squeal** (skwël) *vi.* [*ME squelen*] 1 to utter or make a long, shrill cry or sound 2 [Slang] to act as an informer —*vt.* to utter in a squeal —*n.* a squealing —**squeal'er** *n.*

**squeam-ish** (skwë'mish) *adj.* [*ME squaimous*] 1 easily nauseated 2 easily shocked 3 fastidious —**squeam'ish-ly** *adv.* —**squeam'ish-ness** *n.*

**squee-gee** (skwë'jē) *n.* [*prob. < fol.*] a rubber-edged tool for scraping water from a flat surface

**squeeze** (skwēz) *vt.* **squeezed, squeez'ing** [*< OE cwysan*] 1 to press hard, esp. from two or more sides 2 to extract (juice, etc.) from (fruit, etc.) 3 to force (*into, out, etc.*)

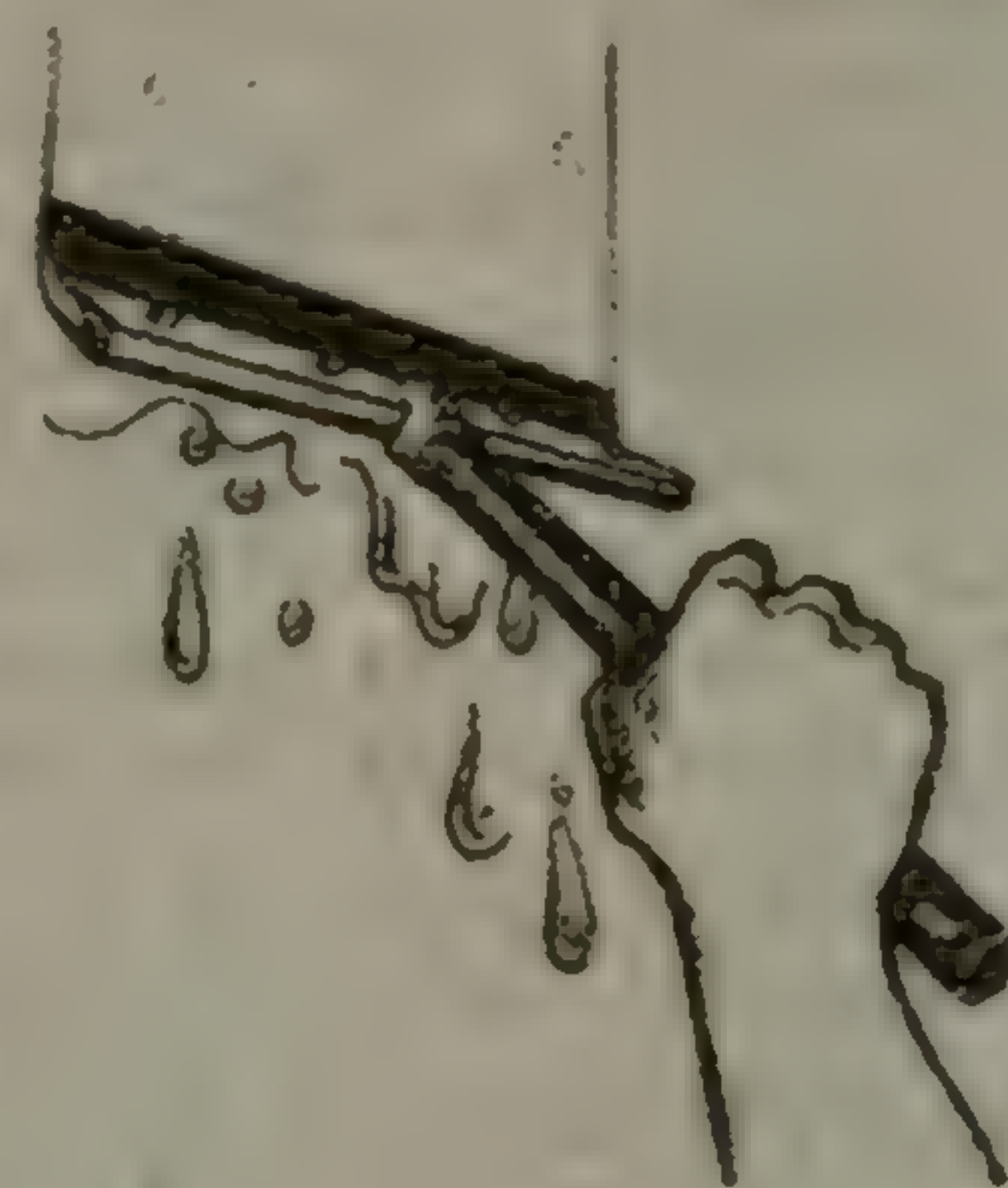
by pressing 4 to embrace closely; hug —*vi.* 1 to yield to pressure 2 to exert pressure 3 to force one's way by pushing (*in, out, etc.*) —*n.* 1 a squeezing or being squeezed 2 a close embrace; hug 3 the state of being closely pressed or packed; crush 4 a period of scarcity, hardship, etc.

**squeeze bottle** a plastic bottle that is squeezed to eject its contents

**squelch** (skwelch) [Inf.] *n.* [*prob. echoic*] a crushing retort, rebuke, etc. —*vt.* to suppress or silence completely

**squib** (skwib) *n.* [*prob. echoic*] 1 a firecracker that burns with a hissing noise before exploding 2 a short, witty attack in words; lampoon 3 a short news item

**squid** (skwid) *n.* [*prob. < squirt, dial. for SQUIRT*] a long, slender sea mollusk with eight arms and two long tentacles



SQUEEGEE





SQUID

**squig·gle** (skwig'əl) *n.* [SQU(IRM) + (W)IGGLE] a short, wavy line or illegible scrawl —*vt.*, *vi.* -gled, -gling to write as, or make, a squiggle or squiggles

**squint** (skwint) *vi.* [*< (a)squint*, with a squint *< ME on skwyn*, sideways] 1 to peer with the eyes partly closed 2 to be cross-eyed —*n.* 1 a squinting 2 a being cross-eyed 3 [Inf.] a quick look

**squire** (skwir) *n.* [see ESQUIRE] 1 in England, the owner of a large, rural estate 2 a man escorting a woman —*vt.* squired, squir'ing to escort

**squirm** (skwarm) *vi.* [prob. echoic, infl. by WORM] 1 to twist and turn the body; wriggle 2 to show or feel shame or embarrassment —*n.* a squirming —squirm'y, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**squir·rel** (skwar'əl, skwarl) *n.* [*< Gr skia*, shadow + *oura*, tail] 1 a small, tree-dwelling rodent with heavy fur and a long, bushy tail 2 its fur

**squirt** (skwart) *vt.* [prob. *< LowG swirtjen*] 1 to shoot out (a liquid) in a jet; spurt 2 to wet with liquid so shot out —*n.* 1 a jet of liquid 2 [Inf.] a small or young person, esp. an impudent one

**squish** (skwish) *vi.* [echoic var. of SQUASH<sup>1</sup>] to make a soft, splashing sound when squeezed, etc. —*vt.* [Inf.] to squash —*n.* 1 a squishing sound 2 [Inf.] a squashing —squish'y, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**Sr<sup>1</sup>** *abbrev.* 1 Senior 2 Sister

**Sr<sup>2</sup>** *Chem. symbol for strontium*

**Sri Lan·ka** (srē lān'kə) country coextensive with an island off the SE tip of India: 25,332 sq. mi.; pop. 14,847,000 —**Sri Lan'kan**

**SRO** *abbrev.* 1 single room occupancy 2 standing room only

**SS** *abbrev.* 1 Social Security 2 steamship

**SST** *abbrev.* supersonic transport

**St** *abbrev.* 1 Saint 2 Strait 3 Street

**stab** (stab) *n.* [prob. *< ME stubbe*, stub] 1 a wound made by stabbing 2 a thrust, as with a knife 3 a sudden, sharp pain —*vt.*, *vi.* stabbed, stab'bing 1 to pierce or wound as with a knife 2 to thrust (a knife, etc.) into something 3 to pain sharply —*make* (or *take*) a stab at [Inf.] to make an attempt at

**sta·bil·i·ty** (stə bil'ə tē) *n.* 1 a being stable; steadiness 2 firmness of character, purpose, etc. 3 permanence

**sta·bi·lize** (stā'bə liz') *vt.* -lized', -liz'ing 1 to make stable 2 to keep from changing 3 to give stability to (a plane or ship) —*vi.* to become stabilized —**sta'bi-li·za'tion** *n.* —**sta'bi-liz'er** *n.*

**sta·ble<sup>1</sup>** (stā'bəl) *adj.* -bler, -blest [*< L stare*, to stand] 1 not likely to give

way; firm; fixed 2 firm in character, purpose, etc.; steadfast 3 not likely to change; lasting

**sta·ble<sup>2</sup>** (stā'bəl) *n.* [see prec.] 1 a building in which horses or cattle are sheltered and fed 2 all the racehorses belonging to one owner —*vt.*, *vi.* -bled, -bling to lodge, keep, or be kept in or as in a stable

**stac·ca·to** (stə kāt'ō) *adj.*, *adv.* [It *< distaccare*, detach] *Music* with distinct breaks between successive tones

**stack** (stak) *n.* [*< ON stakkr*] 1 a large, neatly arranged pile of straw, hay, etc. 2 any orderly pile 3 SMOKESTACK 4 [*pl.*] a series of bookshelves, as in a library —*vt.* 1 to arrange in a stack 2 to rig so as to predetermine the outcome —**stack up** to stand in comparison (*with* or *against*)

**sta·di·um** (stā'dē əm) *n.* [*< Gr stadion*, ancient unit of length, c. 607 feet] a large structure as for sports events, with tiers of seats for spectators

**staff** (staf) *n.*, *pl.* **staves**; also, for 1 & 4, **staves** [OE *stæf*] 1 a stick or rod used as a support, a symbol of authority, etc. 2 a group of people assisting a leader 3 a specific group of workers [a teaching staff] 4 *Music* the horizontal lines on and between which notes are written —*vt.* to provide with a staff, as of workers

**staff'er** *n.* a member of a staff, as of a newspaper

**stag** (stag) *n.* [OE *stagga*] a full-grown male deer —*adj.* for men only [a stag dinner]

**stage** (stāj) *n.* [*< L stare*, to stand] 1 a platform 2 *a*) an area or platform on which plays, etc. are presented *b*) the theater, or acting as a profession (*with the*) 3 the scene of an event 4 a stopping place, or the distance between stops, on a journey 5 *short for* STAGE-COACH 6 a period or level in a process of development [the larval stage] 7 any of the propulsion units used in sequence to launch a missile, spacecraft, etc. —*vt.* staged, stag'ing 1 to present as on a stage 2 to plan and carry out [to stage an attack]

**stage'coach'** *n.* a horse-drawn public coach that, formerly, traveled a regular route

**stage'hand'** *n.* one who sets up scenery, furniture, lights, etc. for a stage play

**stage'-struck'** *adj.* having an intense desire to become an actor or actress

**stag·ger** (stag'ər) *vi.* [*< ON stakra*, totter] to totter, reel, etc. as from a blow or fatigue —*vt.* 1 to cause to stagger, as with a blow 2 to affect strongly with astonishment, grief, etc. 3 to set or arrange alternately, as on either side of a line; make zigzag 4 to arrange so as to come at different times [to stagger employees' vacations] —*n.* 1 a staggering 2 [*pl.*, *with sing. or pl. v.*] a nervous disease of horses, etc. causing this

**stag·nant** (stag'nənt) *adj.* [see fol.] 1 not flowing or moving 2 foul from lack of movement: said of water 3 dull; sluggish



**stag'nate'** (-nāt') *vi.*, *vt.* -nat'ed, -nat'ing [*< L stagnare*] to become or make stagnant —**stag-na'tion** *n.*

**staid** (stād) *vi.*, *vt.* *archaic pt. & pp. of STAY*<sup>3</sup> —*adj.* sober; sedate —**staid'ly** *adv.*

**stain** (stān) *vt.* [*ult. < L dis-, from + tingere, to tinge*] 1 to spoil by discoloring or spotting 2 to disgrace; dishonor 3 to color (wood, etc.) with a dye —*n.* 1 a color or spot resulting from staining 2 a moral blemish 3 a dye for staining wood, etc.

**stain'less steel** steel alloyed with chromium, etc., virtually immune to rust and corrosion

**stair** (ster) *n.* [*OE stæger*] 1 [*usually pl.*] a stairway 2 a single step, as of a stairway

**stair'case'** *n.* a stairway in a building, usually with a handrail

**stair'way'** *n.* a means of access, as from one level of a building to another, consisting of a series of stairs

**stair'well'** *n.* a vertical shaft (in a building) containing a staircase

**stake** (stāk) *n.* [*OE staca*] 1 a pointed length of wood or metal for driving into the ground 2 the post to which a person was tied for execution by burning 3 [*often pl.*] money risked, as in a wager or business venture 4 [*often pl.*] the winner's prize in a race, etc. —*vt.* **staked, stak'ing** 1 to mark the boundaries of [*to stake out a claim*] 2 to fasten to a stake or stakes 3 to gamble 4 [*Inf.*] to furnish with money or resources —**at stake** being risked —**pull up stakes** [*Inf.*] to change one's residence, etc. —**stake out** to put under police surveillance

**stake'out'** *n.* 1 the putting of a suspect or a place under police surveillance 2 an area under such surveillance

**sta-lac-tite** (stə lak'tit) *n.* [*< Gr stalaktos, trickling*] an icicle-shaped mineral deposit hanging from a cave roof

**sta-lag** (shtä'lāk; *E* stä'läg) *n.* [*Ger*] a German prisoner-of-war camp, esp. in WWII

**sta-lag-mite** (stə lag'mīt') *n.* [*< Gr stalagmos, a dropping*] a cone-shaped mineral deposit built up on a cave floor by dripping water

**stale** (stāl) *adj.* **stal'er, stal'est** [*prob. < OFr estale, quiet*] 1 no longer fresh; flat, dry, etc. 2 trite [*a stale joke*] 3 out of condition, bored, etc.

**stale'mate'** *n.* [*< OFr estal, fixed location*] 1 *Chess* any situation in which a player cannot move: it results in a draw 2 any deadlock —*vt.* -mat'ed, -mat'ing to bring into a stalemate

**Sta-lin** (stā'lin), Joseph 1879-1953; Soviet premier (1941-53) —**Sta'lin-ism'** *n.* —**Sta'lin-ist** *adj., n.*

**stalk**<sup>1</sup> (stôk) *vi.*, *vt.* [*OE stealcian*] 1 to walk (through) in a stiff, haughty manner 2 to advance grimly 3 *a)* to pursue (game, etc.) stealthily *b)* to pursue (a person) in a persistent, harassing, obsessive way —*n.* 1 a slow, stiff, haughty stride 2 a stalking

**stalk**<sup>2</sup> (stôk) *n.* [*ME stalke*] 1 any stem or stemlike part 2 the main stem of a plant

**stall**<sup>1</sup> (stôl) *n.* [*OE steall*] 1 a section for one animal in a stable 2 *a)* a booth, etc. as at a market *b)* a pew in a church 3 the state of being in a stop or standstill, as a result of some malfunction —*vt.*, *vi.* 1 to keep or be kept in a stall 2 to bring or be brought to a standstill, esp. unintentionally

**stall**<sup>2</sup> (stôl) *vi.*, *vt.* [*< stall, a decoy*] to act evasively so as to deceive or delay —*n.* any action used in stalling

**stal-lion** (stal'yən) *n.* [*< OFr estalon*] an uncastrated male horse

**stal-wart** (stôl'wärt) *adj.* [*< OE stathol, foundation + wyrthe, worth*] 1 strong; sturdy 2 brave; valiant 3 resolute; firm —*n.* a stalwart person

**sta-men** (stā'mən) *n.* [*< L, thread*] the pollen-bearing organ in a flower

**Stam-ford** (stam'fərd) city in SW Connecticut: pop. 108,000

**stam-i-na** (stam'ə nə) *n.* [*L, pl. of STAMEN*] resistance to fatigue, illness, hardship, etc.; endurance

**stam-mer** (stam'ər) *vt.*, *vi.* [*OE stamerian*] to speak or say with involuntary pauses and rapid repetitions of some sounds —*n.* a stammering —**stam'mer-er** *n.*

**stamp** (stamp) *vt.* [*ME stampen*] 1 to bring (the foot) down forcibly 2 to crush or pound with the foot 3 to imprint or cut out (a design, etc.) 4 to cut (*out*) by pressing with a die 5 to put a stamp on —*vi.* 1 to bring the foot down forcibly 2 to walk with loud, heavy steps, as in anger —*n.* 1 a stamping 2 *a)* a machine, tool, or die for stamping *b)* a mark or form made by stamping 3 any of various seals, gummed pieces of paper, etc. used to show that a fee, as for postage, has been paid 4 any similar stamp 5 class; kind —**stamp out** 1 to crush by treading on forcibly 2 to suppress, or put down —**stamp'er** *n.*

**stam-pede** (stam pēd') *n.* [*< Sp estampar, to stamp*] a sudden, headlong rush or flight, as of a herd of cattle —*vi.* -ped'ed, -ped'ing to move, or take part, in a stampede

**stamping ground** [*Inf.*] a favorite gathering place: *also used in pl.*

**stance** (stans) *n.* [*< L stare, to stand*] 1 the way one stands, esp. the placement of the feet 2 the attitude taken in a given situation

**stanch** *vt.*, *vi.*, *adj.* *see* STAUNCH

**stan-chion** (stan'chən) *n.* [*see STANCE*] 1 an upright post or support 2 a device for confining a cow, fitted loosely around the neck

**stand** (stand) *vi.* stood, stand'ing [*OE standan*] 1 to be in, or assume, an upright position on the feet 2 to be supported on a base, pedestal, etc. 3 to take or be in a (specified) position, attitude, etc. 4 to have a (specified) height when standing 5 to be placed or situated 6 to gather and remain: said as of water 7 to remain unchanged 8 to make resistance 9 *a)* to halt *b)* to be



**stationary** —*vt.* 1 to place upright 2 to endure 3 to withstand 4 to undergo /to stand trial/ —*n.* 1 a standing; esp., a halt or stop 2 a position; station 3 a view, opinion, etc. 4 a structure to stand or sit on 5 a place of business, esp. a stall, etc. where goods are sold 6 a rack, small table, etc. for holding things 7 a growth of trees, etc. —**stand** a chance to have a chance (of winning, surviving, etc.) —**stand by** 1 to be ready if needed 2 to aid —**stand for** 1 to represent; mean 2 [Inf.] to tolerate —**stand on** 1 to be founded on 2 to insist upon —**stand out** 1 to project 2 to be distinct, prominent, etc. —**stand up** 1 to rise to a standing position 2 to prove valid, durable, etc. 3 [Slang] to fail to keep a date with —**take the stand** to testify in court

**stand·ard** (stan'dərd) *n.* [*< OFr estendard*] 1 a flag or banner used as an emblem of a military unit, etc. 2 something established for use as a rule or basis of comparison in measuring 3 an upright support —*adj.* 1 used as, or conforming to, a standard, rule, model, etc. 2 generally accepted as reliable or authoritative 3 typical; ordinary

**stand'ard-bear'er** *n.* 1 one who carries the flag 2 the leader of a movement, political party, etc.

**stand'ard·ize'** *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to make standard or uniform —**stand'ard·i·za'tion** *n.*

**standard time** the time in any of the 24 time zones, each an hour apart, into which the earth is divided, based on distance east or west of Greenwich, England

**stand'by** *n., pl. -bys'* a person or thing that is dependable or is a possible substitute

**stand·ee** (stan də') *n.* one who stands, as in a theater or bus

**stand'-in'** *n.* a temporary substitute, as for an actor at rehearsals

**stand'ing** *n.* 1 status or reputation [in good standing] 2 duration [a rule of long standing] —*adj.* 1 upright or erect 2 from a standing position [a standing jump] 3 stagnant: said as of water 4 lasting; permanent [a standing order]

**stand'off** *n.* a tie in a game or contest

**stand'off'ish** *adj.* reserved; aloof

**stand'out'** *n.* [Inf.] a person or thing outstanding in performance or quality

**stand'pipe'** *n.* a high vertical pipe or cylindrical tank, as in a town's water-supply system, for storing water at a desired pressure

**stand'point'** *n.* point of view

**stand'still'** *n.* a stop or halt

**stand'-up'** *adj.* 1 in a standing position 2 designating a comedian who tells jokes, etc., as in a nightclub

**stank** (stank) *vi. alt. pt. of STINK*

**stan·za** (stan'zə) *n.* [It: ult. *< L stare*, to stand] a group of lines of verse forming a division of a poem or song

**staph** (staf) *n.* short for STAPHYLOCOCCUS

**staph·y·lo·coc·cus** (staf'ə lō kā'kəs) *n., pl. -coc'ci' (-kāk'sī')* [*< Gr staphylē*, bunch of grapes + *kokkos*, kernel] any

of certain spherical bacteria, a common source of infection

**sta·ple**<sup>1</sup> (stā'pəl) *n.* [*< MDu stapel*, mart] 1 a chief commodity made or grown in a particular place 2 a chief part or element in anything 3 a regularly stocked item of trade, as flour, salt, etc. 4 the fiber of cotton, wool, etc. —*adj.* 1 regularly stocked, produced, or used 2 most important; principal

**sta·ple**<sup>2</sup> (stā'pəl) *n.* [OE *stapol*, a post] a U-shaped piece of metal with sharp ends, driven into wood, etc. as to fasten something, or through papers as a binding —*vt.* -pled, -pling to fasten or bind with a staple or staples —**sta'pler** *n.*

**star** (stär) *n.* [OE *steorra*] 1 any of the luminous celestial objects seen as points of light in the sky; esp., any far-off, self-luminous one 2 such an object regarded as influencing one's fate: *often used in pl.* 3 a conventionalized figure with five or six points, or anything like this 4 ASTERISK 5 one who excels, as in a sport 6 a leading actor or actress —*vt.* **starred**, **star'ring** 1 to mark with stars as a decoration, etc. 2 to feature (an actor or actress) in a leading role —*vi.* 1 to perform brilliantly 2 to perform as a star, as in films —*adj.* 1 having great skill; outstanding 2 of a star

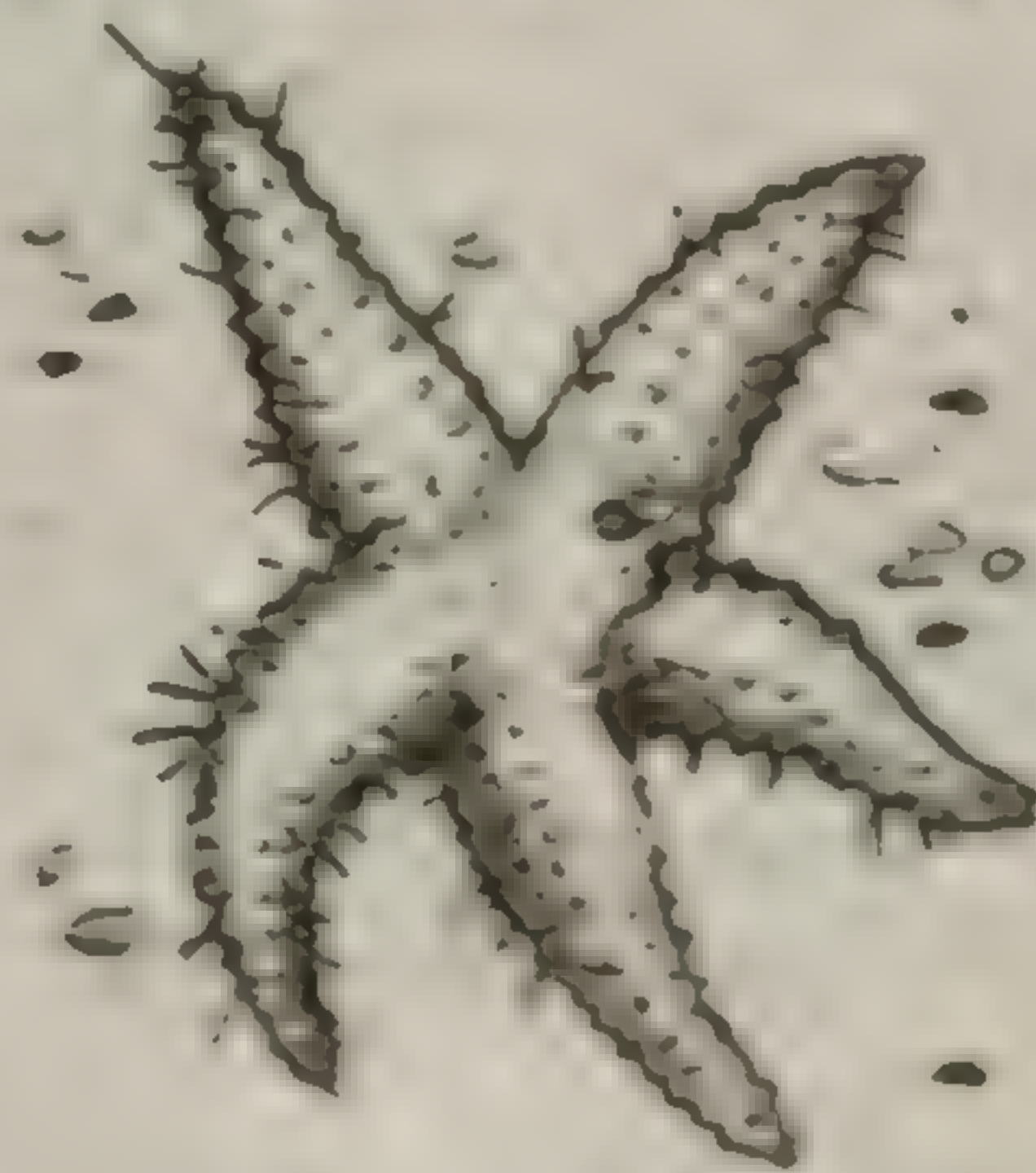
**star·board** (stär'bərd, -bôrd') *n.* [*< OE steoran*, to steer (rudder formerly on right side) + *bord*, side (of ship)] the right-hand side of a ship, etc. as one faces forward —*adj.* of or on this side

**starch** (stärch) *n.* [*< OE stearc*, stiff] 1 a white, tasteless, odorless food substance found in potatoes, cereals, etc. 2 a powdered form of this, used in laundering for stiffening cloth, etc. —*vt.* to stiffen as with starch —**starch'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**star'-crossed'** *adj.* [see STAR, *n.* 2] ill-fated

**star·dom** (stär'dəm) *n.* the status of a star, as of films

**stare** (ster) *vi.* **stared**, **star'ing** [OE *starian*] to gaze steadily and intently —*vt.* to look fixedly at —*n.* a steady, intent look —**star'er** *n.*



STARFISH

**star'fish'** *n., pl. -fish'* or (for different species) -fish'es a small, star-shaped sea animal

**star'gaze'** *vi.* -gazed', -gaz'ing 1 to gaze at the stars 2 to indulge in dreamy thought —**star'gaz'er** *n.*

**stark** (stärk) *adj.* [OE *stearc*] 1 rigorous; severe 2 sharply outlined 3 bleak; desolate 4 sheer; downright —*adv.* utterly; wholly



**star'less** *adj.* with no stars visible

**star-let** (stär'lit) *n.* a young actress being promoted as a future star

**star'light** *n.* light given by the stars — **star'lit** *adj.*

**star-ling** (stär'lin) *n.* [OE *stær*] any of an Old World family of birds; esp., the common starling with iridescent plumage, introduced into the U.S.

**Star of David** a six-pointed star, Judaic symbol

**star'ry** *adj.* -ri-er, -ri-est 1 shining; bright 2 lighted by or full of stars

**star'ry-eyed** *adj.* 1 with sparkling eyes 2 overly optimistic

**Stars and Stripes** *name* for the U.S. flag

**star'-span'gled** *adj.* studded with stars

**Star-Spangled Banner** the U.S. national anthem

**star'-struck** or **star'struck** *adj.* fascinated by celebrities, esp. by stars of movies, etc.

**start** (stärt) *vi.* [OE *styrtan*] 1 to make a sudden or involuntary move 2 to go into action or motion; begin; commence 3 to spring into being, activity, etc. — *vt.* 1 to flush (game) 2 to displace, loosen, etc. [to start a seam] 3 *a)* to begin to play, do, etc. *b)* to set into motion, action, etc. 4 to cause to be an entrant in a race, etc. 5 to play in (a game) at the beginning — *n.* 1 a sudden, startled reaction or movement 2 a starting, or beginning 3 *a)* a place or time of beginning *b)* a lead or other advantage 4 an opportunity of beginning a career — **start out** (or **off**) to start a journey, project, etc. — **start'er** *n.*

**star-tle** (stärt'l) *vt.* -tled, -tling [‹ ME *sterlen*, to start] to surprise, frighten, or alarm suddenly; esp., to cause to start — *vi.* to be startled

**start'-up** *adj., n.* (of) a new business venture

**starve** (stärv) *vi.* starved, starv'ing [‹ OE *steorfan*, to die] 1 to die from lack of food 2 to suffer from hunger 3 to suffer great need: with *for* — *vt.* 1 to cause to starve 2 to force by starvation — **star-va-tion** (stär vā'shən) *n.*

**starve'ling** (-lin) *n.* a person or animal that is weak from lack of food

**Star Wars** [from a film title] [Inf.] a proposed defense system of space-based weapons for destroying missiles

**stash** (stash) [Inf.] *vt.* [‹ ?] to put or hide away (money, etc.) — *n.* 1 a place for hiding things 2 something hidden away

**-stat** (stat) *combining form* a device or agent that keeps something (specified) stable [*thermostat*]

**state** (stāt) *n.* [‹ L *stare*, to stand] 1 a set of circumstances, etc. characterizing a person or thing; condition 2 condition as regards structure, form, etc. 3 rich display; pomp 4 [sometimes S-] a body of people politically organized under one government; nation 5 [often S-] any of the political units forming a federal government, as in the U.S. 6 civil government [church and state] — *adj.* 1

formal; ceremonial 2 [sometimes S-] of the government or of a state — *vt.* **stat'ed, stat'ing** 1 to establish by specifying 2 *a)* to set forth in words *b)* to express nonverbally — **in a state** [Inf.] in an excited condition — **lie in state** to be displayed formally before burial — **the States** the United States

**state'hood** *n.* the condition of being a state

**state'house** *n.* [often S-] the official legislative meeting place of each U.S. state

**state'less** *adj.* having no state or nationality

**state'ly** *adj.* -li-er, -li-est 1 imposing; majestic 2 slow, dignified, etc. — **state'li-ness** *n.*

**state'ment** *n.* 1 *a)* a stating *b)* a declaration, assertion, etc. 2 *a)* a financial account *b)* a bill; invoice

**Stat-en Island** (stat'n) island borough of New York City: pop. 379,000

**state of the art** the current level of sophistication, as of technology — **state'-of-the-art** *adj.*

**state'room** *n.* a private room on a ship or train

**state'side** [Inf.] *adj.* of or in the U.S. (as viewed from abroad) — *adv.* in or to the U.S.

**states-man** (stāts'mən) *n., pl.* -men (-mən) one who is wise or experienced in the business of government — **states'man-ship** *n.*

**stat-ic** (stat'ik) *adj.* [‹ Gr *statikos*, causing to stand] 1 of masses, forces, etc. at rest or in equilibrium 2 at rest; inactive 3 of or producing stationary electrical charges, as from friction 4 of or having to do with static — *n.* 1 noise in radio or TV reception, caused by atmospheric electrical discharges 2 [Slang] adverse criticism — **stat'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**sta-tion** (stā'shən) *n.* [‹ L *stare*, to stand] 1 the place where a person or thing stands or is located; esp., an assigned post 2 a building, etc. at which a service, etc. is provided [police station] 3 a regular stopping place, as on a railroad 4 social standing 5 *a)* a place equipped for radio or TV transmission *b)* its assigned frequency or channel — *vt.* to assign to a station

**sta-tion-ar-y** (stā'shə ner'ē) *adj.* 1 not moving; fixed 2 unchanging

**station break** a pause in radio or TV programs for station identification

**sta-tion-er** (stā'shə nər) *n.* [‹ ML *stationarius*, shopkeeper] a dealer in office supplies, etc.

**sta'tion-er-y** (-ner'ē) *n.* writing materials; specif., paper and envelopes

**station wagon** an automobile with extra space for cargo or seating and a rear door for loading

**sta-tis-tics** (stə tis'tiks) *pl.n.* [‹ L *status*, standing] numerical data assembled and classified so as to present significant information — *n.* the science of compiling such data — **sta-tis'ti-cal** *adj.* — **stat-is-ti-cian** (stat'is tish'ən) *n.*

**stats** (stats) *pl.n.* [Inf.] short for STATISTICS

**stat-u-ar-y** (stach'oo er'ē) *n.* statues col-



lectively

**stat·ue** (stach'oo) *n.* [*< L statuere, to set*] a figure, as of a person, or an abstract form carved in stone, cast in bronze, etc.

**stat'u-esque'** (-esk') *adj.* tall and stately

**stat'u-ette'** (-et') *n.* a small statue

**stat·ure** (stach'ar) *n.* [*< L statura*] 1 standing height, esp. of a person 2 level of attainment [*moral stature*]

**sta·tus** (stat'as, stät'-) *n., pl. -tus-es* [*L, standing*] 1 legal condition [*the status of a minor*] 2 *a*) position; rank *b*) prestige 3 state, as of affairs

**status quo** (kwō') [*L, the state in which*] the existing state of affairs

**status symbol** a possession regarded as a mark of high social status

**stat·ute** (stach'oot) *n.* [*see STATUE*] 1 an established rule 2 a law passed by a legislative body

**statute of limitations** a statute limiting the time for legal action

**stat·u-to·ry** (stach'oo tôr'ê) *adj.* 1 fixed or authorized by statute 2 punishable by statute

**St. Au·gus·tine** (ô'gäs tēn') seaport in NE Florida: oldest city (founded 1565) in the U.S.: pop. 12,000

**staunch** (stōnch, stānch) *vt.* [*< L stare, to stand*] to check the flow of (blood, etc.) from (a cut, etc.) —*vi.* to stop flowing —*adj.* 1 seaworthy 2 steadfast; loyal 3 strong; solid Also, esp. for *v.*, **stanch** (stānch, stanch) —**staunch'ly** *adv.*

**stave** (stāv) *n.* [*< staves, pl. of STAFF*] 1 any of the shaped strips of wood forming the wall of a barrel, bucket, etc. 2 a stick or staff 3 a stanza —*vt.* **staved** or **stove**, **stav'ing** to smash or break (*in*) — **stave off** to hold off or put off

**staves** (stāvz) *n.* 1 *alt. pl. of STAFF* 2 *pl. of STAVE*

**stay**<sup>1</sup> (stā) *n.* [*OE stæg*] a heavy rope or cable, used as a brace or support

**stay**<sup>2</sup> (stā) *n.* [*Fr estaie*] 1 a support or prop 2 a strip of stiffening material used in a corset, shirt collar, etc. —*vt.* to support, or prop up

**stay**<sup>3</sup> (stā) *vi.* **stayed**, **stay'ing** [*< L stare, to stand*] 1 to continue in the place or condition specified; remain 2 to live; dwell 3 to stop; halt 4 to pause; delay 5 [*Inf.*] to continue; last —*vt.* 1 to stop or check 2 to hinder or detain 3 to postpone (legal action) 4 to satisfy (thirst, etc.) for a time 5 *a*) to remain to the end of *b*) to be able to last through —*n.* 1 *a*) a stopping or being stopped *b*) a halt or pause 2 a postponement in legal action 3 the action of remaining, or the time spent, in a place —**stay put** [*Inf.*] to remain in place or unchanged

**staying power** endurance

**St. Cath·ar·ines** (kath'ar inz) city in SE Ontario, Canada: pop. 131,000

**St. Chris·to·pher** (kris'tə fər) St. Kitts: see ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

**STD** *abbrev.* sexually transmitted disease

**Ste** [*Fr Sainte*] *abbrev.* 1 Saint (female) 2 Suite

**stead** (sted) *n.* [*OE stede*] the place of a person or thing as filled by a substitute —**stand someone in good stead** to give someone good service

**stead'fast** *adj.* [*OE stedefæste*] 1 firm; fixed 2 constant —**stead'fastly** *adv.*

**stead'y** *adj.* *i-er, -i-est* [*STEAD + -Y<sup>2</sup>*] 1 firm; stable; not shaky 2 constant, regular, or uniform [*a steady gaze*] 3 constant in behavior, loyalty, etc. 4 habitual or regular; by habit [*a steady customer*] 5 calm and controlled [*steady nerves*] 6 sober; reliable —*vt., vi. -ied, -y-ing* to make or become steady —*n.* [*Inf.*] a person one dates regularly —*adv.* in a steady manner —**go steady** [*Inf.*] to date someone (or each other) exclusively —**stead'i-ly** *adv.* —**stead'i-ness** *n.*

**steak** (stāk) *n.* [*< ON steikja, to roast on a spit*] a slice of beef, fish, etc. for broiling or frying

**steal** (stēl) *vt.* **stole**, **stol'en**, **steal'ing** [*OE stælan*] 1 to take (another's property, etc.) dishonestly or unlawfully, esp. in a secret manner 2 to take (a look, etc.) slyly 3 to gain insidiously or artfully [*he stole her heart*] 4 to move, put, etc. stealthily (*in, from, etc.*) 5 *Baseball* to gain (a base), as by running to it from another base while the pitch is being delivered —*vi.* 1 to be a thief 2 to move, etc. stealthily —*n.* [*Inf.*] an extraordinary bargain

**stealth** (stelth) *n.* [*< ME stelen, to steal*] secret or furtive action —*adj.* of or using technology that prevents detection by enemy radar —**stealth'y** *adj.* — **stealth'i-ly** *adv.*

**steam** (stēm) *n.* [*OE*] 1 water as converted into a vapor by being heated to the boiling point 2 the power of steam under pressure 3 condensed water vapor 4 [*Inf.*] vigor; energy —*adj.* using, conveying, or operated by, steam —*vi.* 1 to give off steam 2 to become covered or coated with condensed steam: usually with *up* 3 to move by steam power —*vt.* to cook, remove, etc. with steam —**steam'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

**steam'boat** *n.* a small steamship

**steam engine** an engine using steam under pressure to supply mechanical energy

**steam'er** *n.* 1 something operated by steam, as a steamship 2 a container for cooking, cleaning, etc. with steam

**steam'fit'ter** *n.* one whose work is installing boilers, pipes, etc. in steam-pressure systems

**steam'roll'er** *n.* a construction machine or vehicle with a heavy roller —*vt., vi.* to move, crush, override, etc. as (with) a steamroller: also **steam'roll'**

**steam'ship'** *n.* a ship driven by steam power

**steam shovel** a large, mechanically operated digger

**steed** (stēd) *n.* [*OE steda*] a horse for riding

**steel** (stēl) *n.* [*OE stiele*] 1 a hard, tough alloy of iron with carbon 2 a thing of steel 3 great strength or hard-



ness —*adj.* of or like steel —*vt.* to make hard, tough, etc. —*steel'y*, *-i-er*, *-i-est*, *adj.*

**steel wool** long, thin shavings of steel in a pad, used for scouring, polishing, etc.

**steel'yard'** *n.* [STEEL + obs. *yard*, rod] a scale consisting of a metal arm suspended from above

**steep**<sup>1</sup> (stēp) *adj.* [OE *steap*, lofty] 1 having a sharp rise or slope; precipitous 2 [Inf.] excessive; extreme —*steep'ly* *adv.* —*steep'ness* *n.*

**steep**<sup>2</sup> (stēp) *vt.* [ME *stepen*] to soak, saturate, imbue, etc.

**stee·ple** (stē'pəl) *n.* [OE *stepel*] 1 a tower rising above the main structure, as of a church 2 a spire

**stee'ple·chase'** *n.* a horse race run over a course obstructed with ditches, hedges, etc.

**stee'ple·jack'** *n.* one who builds or repairs steeples, smokestacks, etc.

**steer**<sup>1</sup> (stir) *vt., vi.* [OE *stieran*] 1 to guide (a ship, etc.) with a rudder 2 to direct the course of (an automobile, etc.) 3 to follow (a course) —*steer clear of* to avoid —*steer'a·ble* *adj.*

**steer**<sup>2</sup> (stir) *n.* [OE *steor*] a castrated male ox, esp. one raised for beef

**steer·age** (stir'ij) *n.* 1 a steering 2 [Historical] a section in a ship for the passengers paying the lowest fare

**steg·o·sau·rus** (steg'ə sô'r'əs) *n., pl. -ri (-i)* [ < Gr *stegos*, roof + *sauros*, lizard] a large dinosaur with pointed, bony plates along the backbone

**stein** (stīn) *n.* [Ger] a beer mug

**stein'bok'** (-bāk') *n.* [Ger] an African antelope

**stel·lar** (stel'ər) *adj.* [ < L *stella*, a star] 1 of a star 2 excellent 3 leading; chief [a *stellar* role]

**stem**<sup>1</sup> (stem) *n.* [OE *stern*] 1 the main stalk of a plant 2 any stalk or part supporting leaves, flowers, or fruit 3 a stemlike part, as of a pipe, goblet, etc. 4 the prow of a ship; bow 5 the part of a word to which inflectional endings are added —*vt.* *stemmed*, *stem'ming* to make headway against [to *stem* the tide] —*vi.* to derive

**stem**<sup>2</sup> (stem) *vt.* *stemmed*, *stem'ming* [ < ON *stemma*] to stop or check by or as if by damming up

**stem'ware'** *n.* goblets, wineglasses, etc. having stems

**stench** (stēnch) *n.* [ < OE *stincan*, to stink] an offensive smell; stink

**sten·cil** (stēn'səl) *vt.* *-ciled* or *-cilled*, *-cil·ing* or *-cil·ling* [ult. < L *scintilla*, a spark] to make or mark with a stencil —*n.* 1 a thin sheet, as of paper, cut through so that when ink, etc. is applied, designs, letters, etc. form on the surface beneath 2 a design, etc. so made

**ste·nog·ra·phy** (stə năg'rə fē) *n.* shorthand writing, as of dictation, testimony, etc., for later transcription —**ste·nog'ra·pher** *n.* —**sten·o·graph·ic** (stēn'ə graf'ik) *adj.*

**stent** (stent) *n.* [after C.R. *Stent*, Brit. dentist] a surgical device used to hold tissue in place, as inside a blood vessel to keep the vessel open

**sten·to·ri·an** (stēn tōr'ē ən) *adj.* [after *Stentor*, Gr herald in the *Iliad*] very loud

**step** (step) *n.* [OE *stepe*] 1 a single movement of the foot, as in walking 2 the distance covered by such a movement 3 a short distance 4 a manner of stepping 5 the sound of stepping 6 a rest for the foot in climbing, as a stair 7 a degree; level; stage 8 any of a series of acts, processes, etc. —*vi.* *stepped*, *step'ping* 1 to move by executing a step 2 to walk a short distance 3 to move briskly (*along*) 4 to enter (*into* a situation, etc.) 5 to press the foot down (*on*) —*vt.* to measure by taking steps: with *off* —*in* (or *out of*) *step* conforming (or not conforming) to a rhythm, a regular procedure, etc. —**step by step** 1 gradually 2 by noting each stage in a process —**step down** to resign —**step up** 1 to advance 2 to increase, as in rate —**take steps** to do the things needed —**step'per** *n.*

**step'broth'er** *n.* one's stepparent's son by a former marriage

**step'child'** *n., pl. -chil'dren* [ < OE *steop-*, orphaned + *cild*, child] one's spouse's child (**step'daugh'ter** or **step'son'**) by a former marriage

**step'-down'** *n.* a decrease, as in amount, intensity, etc.

**step'lad'der** *n.* a four-legged ladder with broad, flat steps

**step'par'ent** *n.* the person (**step'fa'ther** or **step'moth'er**) who has married one's parent after the death of or divorce from the other parent

**steppe** (step) *n.* [Russ *styep'*] any of the great plains of SE Europe and Asia, having few trees

**step'ping·stone'** *n.* 1 a stone to step on, as in crossing a stream 2 a means of bettering oneself

**step'sis'ter** *n.* one's stepparent's daughter by a former marriage

**step'-up'** *n.* an increase, as in amount, intensity, etc.

**-ster** (stər) [OE *-estre*] *suffix* one who is, does, creates, or is associated with (something specified) [*trickster*, *gangster*]

**ster·e·o** (stēr'ē ō') *n., pl. -os'* a stereophonic device, system, effect, etc. —*adj.* *short for* STEREOPHONIC

**stereo-** [ < Gr *stereos*, solid] *combining form* solid, firm, three-dimensional [*stereoscope*]

**ster·e·o·phon·ic** (stēr'ē ə fān'ik) *adj.* designating or of sound reproduction using two or more channels to carry a blend of sounds from separate sources through separate speakers

**ster·e·o·scop'ic** (-skāp'ik) *adj.* appearing three-dimensional

**ster·e·o·type'** (-tīp') *n.* [see STEREO- & -TYPE] 1 a printing plate cast from a mold; as a page of set type 2 a fixed or conventional notion or conception —*vt.* *-typed'*, *-typ'ing* to make a stereotype of —**ster·e·o·typed'** *adj.*



**ster'e-o·typ'i-cal** (-tip'i kəl) *adj.* 1 stereotyped 2 hackneyed

**ster·ile** (ster'əl) *adj.* [*L sterilis*] 1 incapable of producing offspring, fruit, etc.; barren 2 free from living microorganisms —**ster-il-i-ty** (stə ril' ə tē) *n.*

**ster'i-lize'** (-ə līz') *vt.* -lized', -liz'ing to make sterile; specif., a) to make incapable of reproduction b) to make free of germs, etc. —**ster'i-li-za'tion** *n.* —**ster'i-liz'er** *n.*

**ster·ling** (star'lin) *n.* [*ME sterlinge*, Norman coin] 1 sterling silver 2 British money —*adj.* 1 of silver that is at least 92.5 percent pure 2 of British money 3 made of sterling silver 4 excellent [*a sterling reputation*]

**stern**<sup>1</sup> (stərn) *adj.* [*OE styrne*] 1 severe; strict [*stern measures*] 2 grim [*a stern face*] 3 relentless or firm —**stern'ly** *adv.* —**stern'ness** *n.*

**stern**<sup>2</sup> (stərn) *n.* [*< ON styra*, to steer] the rear end of a ship, etc.

**ster·num** (star'nəm) *n., pl.* -nums or -na (-nə) [*< Gr sternon*] the flat, bony structure to which most of the ribs are attached in the front of the chest; breastbone

**ster·oid** (stir'oid', ster'oid') *n.* [*< (CHOLE)STER(OL) + -OID*] any of a group of compounds including the bile acids, sex hormones, etc. —**ste-roi'dal** *adj.*

**stet** (stet) *v. imper.* [*L*] let it stand: printer's term indicating that matter marked for deletion or change is to remain —*vt.* **stet'ted**, **stet'ting** to mark with "stet"

**steth·o·scope** (steth'ə sköp') *n.* [*< Gr stēthos*, chest + *-SCOPE*] *Med.* an instrument used to examine the heart, lungs, etc. by listening to the sounds they make

**ste·ve·dore** (stē'və dōr') *n.* [*ult. < L stipare*, cram] LONGSHOREMAN

**Ste·ven·son** (stē'vən sən), Robert Louis (rā'bərt lōō'is) 1850-94; Scot. writer

**stew** (stō) *vt., vi.* [*ult. < L ex-*, out + *Gr typhos*, steam] 1 to cook by simmering or boiling slowly 2 to worry —*n.* 1 a dish, esp. of meat and vegetables, cooked by stewing 2 a state of worry

**stew·ard** (stō'ərd) *n.* [*< OE stig*, hall + *weard*, keeper] 1 a person put in charge of a large estate 2 an administrator, as of finances and property 3 one responsible for the food and drink, etc. in a club, etc. 4 an attendant, as on a ship or airplane 5 a union representative —**stew'ard-ship** *n.*

**stew'ard·ess** (-ər dis) *n.* a woman flight attendant

**stick** (stik) *n.* [*OE sticca*] 1 a twig or small branch broken or cut off 2 a long, slender piece of wood, as a club, cane, etc. 3 any sticklike piece [*a stick of gum*] —*vt.* **stuck**, **stick'ing** 1 to pierce, as with a pointed instrument 2 to pierce with (a knife, pin, etc.) 3 to thrust (*in, into, out*, etc.) 4 to attach as by gluing, pinning, etc. 5 to obstruct, detain, etc. [*the wheels were stuck*] 6 [*Inf.*] to place; put; set 7 [*Inf.*] to puzzle; baffle 8 [*Slang*] a) to impose a burden, etc. upon b) to defraud —*vi.* 1 to be fixed by a pointed end, as a nail 2 to

adhere; cling; remain 3 to persevere [*to stick at a job*] 4 to remain firm and resolute [*he stuck with us*] 5 to become embedded, jammed, etc. 6 to become stopped or delayed 7 to hesitate; scruple [*he'll stick at nothing*] 8 to protrude or project (*out, up*, etc.) —**stick by** to remain loyal to —**stick up for** [*Inf.*] to uphold; defend —**the sticks** [*Inf.*] the rural districts

**stick'er** *n.* a person or thing that sticks; specif., a gummed label

**stick'-in-the-mud'** *n.* [*Inf.*] one who resists change, new ideas, etc.

**stick·le·back** (stik'əl bak') *n.* a small, bony-plated fish with sharp dorsal spines: the male builds a nest for the female's eggs

**stick·ler** (stik'lər) *n.* [*prob. < ME stightlen*, to order] 1 one who insists on a certain way of doing things [*a stickler for discipline*] 2 [*Inf.*] something difficult to solve

**stick'pin'** *n.* an ornamental pin worn in a necktie, on a lapel, etc.

**stick shift** a gearshift, as on a car, operated manually

**stick'um** (-əm) *n.* [*STICK + 'em*, short for *THEM*] [*Inf.*] any sticky, or adhesive, substance

**stick'up'** *n.* *slang term for HOLDUP* (sense 2)

**stick'y** *adj.* -i·er, -i·est 1 that sticks; adhesive 2 [*Inf.*] hot and humid 3 [*Inf.*] troublesome —**stick'i-ness** *n.*

**stiff** (stif) *adj.* [*OE stif*] 1 hard to bend or move; rigid; firm 2 sore or limited in movement: said of joints and muscles 3 not fluid; thick 4 strong; powerful [*a stiff wind*] 5 harsh [*stiff punishment*] 6 difficult [*a stiff climb*] 7 very formal or awkward 8 [*Inf.*] excessive [*a stiff price*] —*vt.* **stiffed**, **stiff'ing** [*Slang*] to cheat —**stiff'ly** *adv.* —**stiff'ness** *n.*

**stiff'-arm'** *vt.* to push (someone) away with one's arm out straight

**stiff'en** *vt., vi.* to make or become stiff or stiffer —**stiff'en-er** *n.*

**stiff'-necked'** (-nekt') *adj.* stubborn

**sti·fle** (stī'fəl) *vt.* -fled, -fling [*< Fr estouffer*] 1 to suffocate; smother 2 to suppress; hold back; stop [*to stifle a sob*] —*vi.* to die or suffer from lack of air —**sti'fling·ly** *adv.*

**stig·ma** (stig'mə) *n., pl.* -mas or stig·ma'ta (-māt'ə) [*< Gr, lit., a puncture made with a sharp instrument*] 1 a mark of disgrace or reproach 2 a spot on the skin, esp. one that bleeds 3 the upper tip of the pistil of a flower, on which pollen falls and develops —**stig·ma'tic** (-mat'ik) *adj.*

**stig'ma·tize'** (-tiz') *vt.* -tized', -tiz'ing to mark or characterize as disgraceful

**stile** (stil) *n.* [*< OE stigan*, to climb] a set of steps for climbing over a fence or wall

**sti·let·to** (sti let'ō) *n., pl.* -tos or -toes [*It < L stilus*, pointed tool] a small dagger with a slender blade

**still**<sup>1</sup> (stil) *adj.* [*OE stille*] 1 noiseless; silent 2 stationary 3 tranquil; calm 4 designating or of a single photograph



taken from a film.—*n.* 1 silence; quiet 2 a still photograph —*adv.* 1 at or up to the time indicated 2 even; yet [*still colder*] 3 nevertheless; yet [*rich but still unhappy*] —*conj.* nevertheless; yet —*vt., vi.* to make or become still — *still'ness n.*

**still**<sup>2</sup> (stil) *n.* [*< obs. still, to distill*] an apparatus used for distilling liquids, esp. alcoholic liquors

**still'birth'** *n.* 1 the birth of a stillborn fetus 2 such a fetus

**still'born'** *adj.* 1 dead when delivered from the uterus 2 unsuccessful from the start

**still life** *pl. still lifes* a picture of inanimate objects, as fruit, flowers, etc.

**stilt** (stilt) *n.* [*ME stilte*] 1 either of a pair of poles, each with a footrest, used for walking high off the ground 2 any of a number of long posts used to hold a building, etc. above ground or out of water 3 a bird with a long, slender bill and long legs

**stilt-ed** (stil'tid) *adj.* pompous, affected, etc.

**stim·u·lant** (stim'yə lənt) *n.* anything, as a drug, that stimulates

**stim'u·late'** (-lāt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [*see fol.*] to rouse or excite to activity or increased activity — *stim'u·la'tion n.*

**stim'u·lus** (-ləs) *n., pl. -li' (-lī')* [*L, a goad*] 1 an incentive 2 any action or agent that causes an activity in an organism, organ, etc.

**sting** (stin) *vt.* stung, sting'ing [*OE stin-gan*] 1 to prick or wound with a sting 2 to cause sudden, pricking pain to 3 to make unhappy 4 to stimulate suddenly and sharply 5 [*Slang*] to cheat —*vi.* to cause or feel sharp, smarting pain —*n.* 1 a stinging 2 a pain or wound resulting from stinging 3 a sharp-pointed organ, as in insects and plants, that pricks, wounds, etc. 4 [*Slang*] *a)* a swindling, as in a confidence game *b)* a scheme by police, etc. for entrapping lawbreakers

**sting'er** *n.* one that stings, specif., a STING (*n.* 3)

**sting'ray'** *n.* a large ray with one or more poisonous spines that can inflict painful wounds

**stin·gy** (stin'jē) *adj.* -gi·er, -gi·est [*< dial. form of STING*] 1 giving or spending grudgingly; miserly 2 less than needed; scanty — *stin'gi·ly adv.* — *stin'gi·ness n.*

**stink** (stɪŋk) *vi.* stank or stunk, stunk, stink'ing [*OE stincan*] to give off a strong, unpleasant smell —*n.* a strong, unpleasant smell; stench — *stink'er n.* — *stink'y, -i·er, -i·est, adj.*

**stint** (stint) *vt.* [*< OE styntan, to blunt*] to restrict to a certain quantity, often small —*vi.* to be sparing in giving or using —*n.* 1 restriction; limit 2 an assigned task or period of work — *stint'er n.*

**sti·pend** (stī'pənd) *n.* [*< L stip, coin + pendere, to pay*] a regular or fixed payment, as a salary

**stip·ple** (stip'əl) *vt.* -pled, -pling [*< Du*

*stippel, a speckle*] to paint, draw, or engrave in small dots

**stip·u·late** (stip'yə lāt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [*< L stipulari, to bargain*] 1 to arrange definitely 2 to specify as an essential condition of an agreement — *stip'u·la'tion n.*

**stir**<sup>1</sup> (stər) *vt., vi.* stirred, stir'ring [*OE styrian*] 1 to move, esp. slightly 2 to make or be active 3 to mix (a liquid, etc.) as by agitating with a spoon 4 to excite the feelings (of) 5 to incite: often with *up* —*n.* 1 a stirring 2 movement; activity 3 excitement; tumult — *stir'rer n.*

**stir**<sup>2</sup> (stər) *n.* [*19th-c. thieves' slang*] [*Slang*] a prison

**stir'-cra·zy** *adj.* [*Slang*] anxious, tense, etc. from long, close confinement, specif. in prison

**stir'-fry'** *vt.* -fried', -fry'ing to fry (diced or sliced vegetables, meat, etc.) quickly in a wok while stirring constantly

**stir'ring** *adj.* 1 active; busy 2 rousing; exciting

**stir·rup** (stər'əp) *n.* [*OE stigrap*] 1 a flat-bottomed ring hung from a saddle and used as a footrest 2 one of the three small bones in the middle ear

**stitch** (stich) *n.* [*OE stice, a puncture*] 1 *a)* a single complete in-and-out movement of a needle in sewing, etc. *b)* a suture 2 a loop, knot, etc. made by stitching 3 a particular kind of stitch or style of stitching 4 a sudden, sharp pain 5 a bit or piece —*vi., vt.* to make stitches (in); sew — *in stitches* in a state of uproarious laughter

**stitch'er·y** (-ər ē) *n.* ornamental needlework

**St. John's** seaport & capital of Newfoundland: pop. 102,000

**St. Kitts and Nevis** (kits) country in the Leeward Islands, consisting of two islands, St. Kitts & Nevis: c. 101 sq. mi.; pop. 41,000

**St. Lawrence** river flowing from Lake Ontario into the Atlantic: the main section of an inland waterway (St. Lawrence Seaway) connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic

**St. Lou·is** (lōō'is, lōō'ē) city & port in E Missouri, on the Mississippi: pop. 397,000

**St. Lu·ci·a** (lōō'shē ə, lōō sē'ə) island country of the West Indies: 238 sq. mi.; pop. 133,000

**stoat** (stōt) *n.* [*ME stote*] a large European ermine, esp. in its brown summer coat

**stock** (stāk) *n.* [*OE stocc*] 1 the trunk of a tree 2 *a)* descent; lineage *b)* a strain, race, etc. of animals or plants 3 a supporting or main part of an implement, etc., as the wooden handle to which the barrel of a rifle is attached 4 [*pl.*] a wooden frame with holes for confining the ankles or wrists, formerly used for punishment 5 raw material 6 water in which meat, fish, etc. has been boiled, used in soups 7 livestock 8 a supply of goods on hand in a store, etc. 9 (a certificate for) a share or shares of corporate ownership 10 a stock company or its repertoire —*vt.* 1 to furnish (a



farm, shop, etc.) with stock 2 to keep a supply of, as for sale or for future use —*vi.* to put in a stock, or supply: with *up* —*adj.* 1 kept in stock [*stock sizes*] 2 common or trite [*a stock excuse*] 3 that deals with stock 4 relating to a stock company —*in* (or *out of*) *stock* (not) available for sale or use —*take stock* 1 to inventory the stock on hand 2 to make an appraisal — *take* (or *put*) *stock in* to have faith in

**stock·ade** (stā kād') *n.* [*< Prov estaca, a stake*] 1 a barrier of stakes driven into the ground side by side, for defense 2 an enclosure, as a fort, made with such stakes 3 an enclosure for military prisoners

**stock'bro'ker** *n.* one who acts as an agent in buying and selling stocks, bonds, etc.

**stock car** a standard automobile, modified for racing

**stock company** a theatrical company presenting a repertoire of plays

**stock exchange** 1 a place where stocks and bonds are bought and sold 2 an association of stockbrokers Also **stock market**

**stock'hold'er** *n.* one owning stock in a given company

**Stock·holm** (stāk'hōm', -hōlm') seaport & capital of Sweden: pop. 704,000

**stock'ing** *n.* [*< obs. sense of stock*] a closefitting covering, usually knitted, for the foot and leg

**stocking cap** a long, tapered knitted cap, often with a tassel at the end

**stock'pile'** *n.* a reserve supply of goods, raw material, etc. —*vt., vi.* -*piled'*, -*pil'ing* to accumulate a stockpile (of)

**stock'-still'** *adj.* motionless

**Stock·ton** (stāk'tən) city in central California: pop. 211,000

**stock'y** *adj.* -*i-er*, -*i-est* heavily built; short and thickset —**stock'i-ness** *n.*

**stock'yard'** *n.* an enclosure where cattle, hogs, etc. are kept before slaughtering

**stodg·y** (stā'jē) *adj.* -*i-er*, -*i-est* [*< stodge, heavy food*] 1 dull; uninteresting 2 old-fashioned; conventional — **stodg'i-ness** *n.*

**sto·gie** or **sto·gy** (stō'gē) *n., pl. -gies* [*after Conestoga Valley, PA*] a cigar, esp. one that is long, thin, and, usually, inexpensive

**Sto·ic** (stō'ik) *n.* [*< Gr stoa, a colonnade: where first Stoics met*] 1 a member of an ancient Greek school of philosophy 2 [*s-*] a stoical person —*adj.* [*s-*] **STOICAL** —**sto'i-cism'** (-i siz'am) *n.*

**sto'i-cal** (-i kəl) *adj.* showing indifference to joy, grief, pleasure, or pain; impassive —**sto'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**stoke** (stōk) *vt., vi.* stoked, **stok'ing** [*< Du stoken, to poke*] 1 to stir up and feed fuel to (a fire) 2 to tend (a furnace, boiler, etc.) —**stok'er** *n.*

**STOL** *abbrev.* short takeoff and landing **stole**<sup>1</sup> (stōl) *n.* [*< Gr stolē, garment*] 1 a long strip of cloth worn about the neck by members of the clergy at various rites 2 a woman's long scarf of cloth or fur worn around the shoulders

**stole**<sup>2</sup> (stōl) *vt., vi. pt. of STEAL*

**stol·en** (stō'lən) *vt., vi. pp. of STEAL*

**stol·id** (stāl'id) *adj.* [*L stolidus, slow*] having or showing little or no emotion; unexcitable —**sto·lid-i-ty** (stə lid'ə tē) *n.* —**stol'id-ly** *adv.*

**sto·lon** (stō'lən') *n.* [*< L stolo, a shoot*] a creeping stem lying above the soil surface and bearing leaves, as in the strawberry

**stom·ach** (stum'ək) *n.* [*ult. < Gr stoma, mouth*] 1 the saclike digestive organ into which food passes from the esophagus 2 the abdomen, or belly 3 appetite for food 4 desire or inclination —*vt.* 1 to be able to eat or digest 2 to tolerate; bear

**stom'ach·ache'** *n.* pain in the stomach or abdomen

**stom'ach·er** *n.* an ornamented piece of cloth formerly worn over the chest and abdomen, esp. by women

**stomp** (stämp) *vt., vi. var. of STAMP* (*vt.* 1, 2; *vi.* 1, 2)

**stomping ground** [*Inf.*] **STAMPING GROUND**: also used in *pl.*

**stone** (stōn) *n.* [*OE stan*] 1 the hard, solid, nonmetallic mineral matter of which rock is composed 2 a piece of rock 3 the seed of certain fruits 4 *short for* PRECIOUS STONE 5 *pl. stone* [*Brit.*] 14 pounds avoirdupois 6 an abnormal stony mass formed in the kidney, gall bladder, etc. —*vt.* **stoned**, **ston'ing** 1 to pelt or kill with stones 2 to remove the stone from (a peach, etc.) —*adv.* completely

**stone-** [*< prec.*] *combining form* completely [*stone-blind*]

**Stone Age** the period in human culture when stone tools were used

**stoned** *adj.* [*Slang*] drunk or under the influence of a drug

**stone's throw** a short distance

**stone'wall'** *vi.* [*Inf.*] to behave in an obstructive manner, as by withholding information, etc.

**stone'ware'** *n.* a dense, opaque, glazed or unglazed pottery

**ston'y** *adj.* -*i-er*, -*i-est* 1 full of stones 2 of or like stone; specif., unfeeling; pitiless —**ston'i-ness** *n.*

**stood** (stood) *vi., vt. pt. & pp. of STAND*

**stooge** (stōj) *n.* [*< ?*] [*Inf.*] 1 an actor who serves as the victim of a comedian's jokes, pranks, etc. 2 anyone who acts as a foil or underling

**stool** (stōl) *n.* [*OE stol*] 1 a single seat having no back or arms 2 feces

**stool pigeon** [*Inf.*] a spy or informer, esp. for the police

**stoop**<sup>1</sup> (stōp) *vi.* [*OE stupian*] 1 to bend the body forward 2 to carry the head and shoulders habitually bent forward 3 to degrade oneself —*n.* the act or position of stooping

**stoop**<sup>2</sup> (stōp) *n.* [*Du stoep*] a small porch at the door of a house

**stop** (stāp) *vt. stopped, stop'ping* [*< L stappa, a kind of stuffing material*] 1 to close by filling, shutting off, etc. 2 to cause to cease motion, activity, etc. 3 to



block; intercept; prevent 4 to cease; desist from [*stop talking*] —*vi.* 1 to cease moving, etc.; halt 2 to leave off doing something 3 to cease operating 4 to become clogged 5 to tarry or stay —*n.* 1 a stopping or being stopped 2 a finish; end 3 a stay or sojourn 4 a place stopped at, as on a bus route 5 an obstruction, plug, etc. 6 a finger hole in a wind instrument, closed to produce a desired tone 7 a pull, lever, etc. for controlling a set of organ pipes —**stop off** to stop for a while en route to a place — **stop over** to visit for a while: also **stop in** (or **by**)

**stop'cock' n.** a cock or valve to stop or regulate the flow of a fluid

**stop'gap' n.** a person or thing serving as a temporary substitute

**stop'light' n.** a traffic light, esp. when red to signal vehicles to stop

**stop'o'ver n.** a brief stop or stay at a place in the course of a journey

**stop'page n.** 1 a stopping or being stopped 2 an obstructed condition; block

**stop'per n.** something inserted to close an opening; plug

**stop'watch' n.** a watch that can be started and stopped instantly, as for timing races

**stor·age** (stôr'ij) *n.* 1 a storing or being stored 2 a place for, or the cost of, storing goods 3 computer memory

**storage battery** a battery for producing electric current, with cells that can be recharged

**store** (stôr) *vt.* stored, stor'ing [*< L instaurare, restore*] 1 to put aside for use when needed 2 to furnish with a supply 3 to put, as in a warehouse, for safekeeping —*n.* 1 a supply (of something) for use when needed; stock 2 [*pl.*] supplies, esp. of food, clothing, etc. 3 a retail establishment where goods are offered for sale —**in store** set aside for the future; in reserve —**set** (or **put** or **lay**) **store by** to value

**store'front' n.** a front room on the ground floor of a building, designed for use as a retail store

**store'house' n.** a place where things are stored; esp., a warehouse

**store'keep'er n.** 1 a person in charge of military or naval stores 2 a retail merchant

**store'room' n.** a room where things are stored

**sto·rey** (stôr'ē) *n., pl. -reys* *Brit., etc. sp. of STORY*<sup>2</sup>

**sto·ried** (stôr'ēd) *adj.* famous in story or history

**stork** (stôrk) *n.* [*OE storc*] a large, long-legged wading bird with a long neck and bill

**storm** (stôrm) *n.* [*OE*] 1 a strong wind, with rain, snow, thunder, etc. 2 any heavy fall of snow, rain, etc. 3 a strong emotional outburst 4 any strong disturbance 5 a sudden, strong attack on a fortified place —*vi.* 1 to blow rain, snow, etc. violently 2 to rage; rant 3 to rush violently [*to storm into a room*] —

*vt.* to attack vigorously

**storm door** (or **window**) a door (or window) placed outside the regular one as added protection

**storm'y adj.** -i·er, -i·est 1 of or characterized by storms 2 violent, raging, etc. —**storm'i·ly adv.** —**storm'i·ness n.**

**sto·ry**<sup>1</sup> (stôr'ē) *n., pl. -ries* [*< Gr historia, narrative*] 1 the telling of an event or events; account; narration 2 a fictional prose narrative shorter than a novel 3 the plot of a novel, play, etc. 4 [*Inf.*] a falsehood 5 a news report

**sto·ry**<sup>2</sup> (stôr'ē) *n., pl. -ries* [*< prec.*] a horizontal division of a building, from a floor to the ceiling above it

**sto'ry·board' n.** a large board on which sketches, etc. for shots or scenes of a film are arranged in sequence —*vt.* to make a storyboard of (a shot or scene) for (a film)

**sto'ry·book' n.** a book of stories, esp. one for children

**sto'ry·tell'er n.** one who narrates stories —**sto'ry·tell'ing n.**

**stoup** (stōp) *n.* [*< ON staup, cup*] a font for holy water

**stout** (stout) *adj.* [*< OFr estout, bold*] 1 courageous 2 strong; sturdy; firm 3 powerful; forceful 4 fat; thickset —*n.* a heavy, dark-brown beer —**stout'ly adv.** —**stout'ness n.**

**stout'heart'ed adj.** courageous; brave

**stove**<sup>1</sup> (stōv) *n.* [*< MDu, heated room*] an apparatus for heating, cooking, etc.

**stove**<sup>2</sup> (stōv) *vt., vi. alt. pt. & pp. of STAVE*

**stove'pipe' n.** a metal pipe used to carry off smoke from a stove

**stow** (stō) *vt.* [*< OE stowe, a place*] to pack in an orderly way —**stow away** 1 to put or hide away 2 to be a stowaway —**stow'age n.**

**stow'a·way' n.** one who hides aboard a ship, airplane, etc. as to get free passage

**St. Paul** capital of Minnesota: pop. 272,000

**St. Pe·ters·burg** (pēt'ərz bərg') 1 seaport in NW Russia: pop. 4,456,000 2 city in WC Florida: pop. 240,000

**strad·dle** (strad'l) *vt. -dled, -dling* [*< STRIDE*] 1 to stand or sit astride of 2 to take or appear to take both sides of (an issue) —*n.* a straddling —**strad'dler n.**

**strafe** (strāf) *vt.* strafed, straf'ing [*< Ger Gott strafe England* (God punish England)] to attack with machine-gun fire from low-flying aircraft

**strag·gle** (strag'əl) *vi. -gled, -gling* [*prob. < ME straken, roam*] 1 to wander from the main group 2 to be scattered over a wide area; ramble 3 to hang in an unkempt way, as hair —**strag'gler n.** —**strag'gly adj.**

**straight** (strāt) *adj.* [*< ME streccchen, to stretch*] 1 having the same direction throughout its length; not crooked, bent, etc. 2 direct; undeviating, etc. 3 in order; properly arranged, etc. 4 honest; sincere 5 undiluted 6 [*Slang*] normal or conventional 7 [*Slang*] heterosexual —*adv.* 1 in a straight line 2



upright; erectly 3 without detour, delay, etc. —*n.* *Poker* a hand of five cards in sequence —**straight away** (or **off**) without delay —**straight'ness** *n.*

**straight arrow** [Inf.] one who is proper, righteous, conscientious, etc. and often regarded as stodgy, dull, etc. —**straight'-arrow** *adj.*

**straight-a-way** (strāt'ə.wā'; *for adv.*, strāt'ə.wā') *n.* a straight section of a racetrack, highway, etc. —*adv.* without delay

**straight'edge'** *n.* a strip of wood, etc. having a perfectly straight edge, used in drawing straight lines, etc.

**straight'en** *vt., vi.* to make or become straight —**straighten out** 1 to make or become less confused, easier to deal with, etc. 2 to reform —**straight'en-er** *n.*

**straight face** a facial expression showing no amusement or other emotion —**straight'-faced'** *adj.*

**straight'for'ward** *adj.* 1 moving or leading straight ahead; direct 2 honest; frank —*adv.* in a straightforward manner: also **straight'for'wards**

**straight man** an actor whose remarks a comedian answers with a quip

**straight shooter** [Inf.] a person who is honest, sincere, etc.

**straight ticket** a ballot cast for candidates of only one party

**straight time** 1 the standard number of working hours, as per week 2 the rate of pay for these hours

**straight'way'** *adv.* [Now Chiefly Literary] at once

**strain**<sup>1</sup> (strān) *vt.* [*< L stringere*] 1 to stretch tight 2 to exert to the utmost 3 to injure by overexertion [*to strain a muscle*] 4 to stretch beyond normal limits 5 to pass through a screen, sieve, etc.; filter —*vi.* 1 to strive hard 2 to filter, ooze, etc. —*n.* 1 a straining or being strained 2 great effort, exertion, etc. 3 a bodily injury from overexertion 4 stress or force 5 a great demand on one's emotions, resources, etc.

**strain**<sup>2</sup> (strān) *n.* [*< OE strynan*, to produce] 1 ancestry; lineage 2 race; stock; line 3 a line of individuals differentiated from its species or race 4 an inherited tendency 5 a musical tune

**strained** *adj.* not natural or relaxed

**strain'er** *n.* a device for straining, sifting, or filtering; sieve, filter, etc.

**strait** (strāt) *adj.* [*< L stringere*, draw tight] [Archaic] narrow or strict —*n.* 1 [*often pl.*] a narrow waterway connecting two large bodies of water 2 [*usually pl.*] difficulty; distress

**strait'en** *vt.* to bring into difficulties: usually in in straitened circumstances, lacking enough money

**strait'jack'et** *n.* a coatlike device for restraining violent persons

**strait'-laced'** *adj.* narrowly strict in behavior or moral views

**strand**<sup>1</sup> (strand) *n.* [*OE*] shore, esp. ocean shore —*vt., vi.* 1 to run or drive aground, as a ship 2 to put or be put into a helpless position [*stranded*

abroad with no money]

**strand**<sup>2</sup> (strand) *n.* [*ME stronde*] 1 any one of the threads, wires, etc. that are twisted together to form a string, cable, etc. 2 a ropelike length of anything [*a strand of pearls*]

**strange** (strānj) *adj.* **strang'er**, **strang'est** [*< L extraneus*, foreign] 1 not previously known, seen, etc.; unfamiliar 2 unusual; extraordinary 3 peculiar; odd —**strange'ly** *adv.* —**strange'ness** *n.*

**stran-ger** (strān'jər) *n.* 1 a newcomer 2 a person not known to one

**stran-gle** (stran'gəl) *vt., vi.* -gled, -gling [*< Gr strangos*, twisted] 1 to choke to death 2 to suppress, stifle, or repress —**stran'gler** *n.*

**stran'gle-hold'** *n.* 1 an illegal wrestling hold that chokes an opponent 2 a force or action that suppresses freedom

**stran-gu-late** (stran'gyə.lāt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing 1 STRANGLE 2 *Med.* to block (a tube, etc.) by constricting —**stran'gu-la'tion** *n.*

**strap** (strap) *n.* [*dial. form of STROP*] a narrow strip of leather, etc., as for securing things —*vt.* **strapped**, **strap'ping** to fasten with a strap

**strap'less** *adj.* having no shoulder straps

**strapped** *adj.* [Inf.] in great need of money

**strap'ping** *adj.* [Inf.] tall and well-built; robust

**stra-ta** (strāt'ə, strat'ə) *n.* *alt. pl. of STRATUM*

**strat-a-gem** (strat'ə.jəm) *n.* [*< Gr stratos*, army + *agein*, to lead] 1 a trick, plan, etc. for deceiving an enemy in war 2 any tricky scheme

**strat-e-gy** (strat'ə.jē) *n., pl. -gies* 1 the science of planning and directing military operations 2 skill in managing or planning 3 a stratagem, plan, etc. —**stra-te-gic** (strə.tē'jɪk) *adj.* —**stra-te'gi-cal-ly** *adv.* —**strat'e-gist** *n.*

**strat-i-fy** (strat'ə.fī') *vt., vi.* -fied', -fy'ing [*< L stratum*, layer + *facere*, make] to form in layers or strata —**strat'i-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**strat'o-sphere'** (-ə.sfir') *n.* [*< ModL stratum*, stratum + *Fr sphère*, sphere] 1 the atmospheric zone at an altitude of c. 20 to 50 km 2 an extremely high point, level, etc. —**strat'o-spher'ic** (-sfer'ik, -sfir'-) *adj.*

**stra-tum** (strāt'əm, strat'-) *n., pl. -ta* (-ə) or *-tums* [*ModL < L stratus*, a spreading] 1 a horizontal layer of matter, as of sedimentary rock 2 any of the socioeconomic groups of a society

**stra'tus** (-əs) *n., pl. -ti* (-ī) [*see prec.*] a uniform, low, gray cloud layer

**Strauss** (strous), Jo-hann (yō'hän') 1825-99; Austrian composer, esp. of waltzes

**Stra-vin-sky** (strə.vin'ske), I-gor (ə'gôr) 1882-1971; Russ. composer & conductor, in the U.S. after 1940

**straw** (strô) *n.* [*OE streaw*] 1 hollow stalks of grain after threshing 2 a single one of these 3 a tube used for suck-



ing beverages 4 a trifle —*adj.* 1 straw-colored; yellowish 2 made of straw

**straw'ber'ry** (-ber'ē, -bər ē) *n., pl. -ries* [prob. from the strawlike particles on the fruit] 1 the small, red, fleshy fruit of a vinelike plant of the rose family 2 this plant

**straw boss** [Inf.] one having subordinate authority

**straw vote** (or **poll**) an unofficial vote taken to determine general group opinion

**stray** (strā) *vi.* [< LL *strata*, street] 1 to wander from a given place, course, etc. 2 to deviate (from what is right) —*n.* one that strays; esp., a lost domestic animal —*adj.* 1 having strayed; lost 2 isolated or incidental [a few *stray* words]

**streak** (strēk) *n.* [< OE *strica*] 1 a long, thin mark or stripe 2 a layer, as of fat in meat 3 a tendency in behavior, etc. [a nervous *streak*] 4 a period, as of luck —*vt.* to make streaks on or in —*vi.* 1 to become streaked 2 to go fast 3 to dash naked in public as a prank —**streak'er** *n.* —**streak'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**stream** (strēm) *n.* [OE] 1 a current of water; specif., a small river 2 a steady flow, as of air, light, etc. 3 a continuous series [a *stream* of cars] —*vi.* 1 to flow as in a stream 2 to move swiftly

**stream'er** *n.* 1 a long, narrow flag 2 any long, narrow strip hanging loose at one end

**stream'line'** *vt.* -lined', -lin'ing to make streamlined —*adj.* STREAMLINED

**stream'lined'** *adj.* 1 having a contour designed to offer the least resistance in moving through air, water, etc. 2 efficient, trim, simplified, etc.

**street** (strēt) *n.* [< L *strata* (*via*), paved (road)] 1 a public road in a town or city, esp. a paved one 2 such a road with its sidewalks, buildings, etc. 3 the people living, working, etc. along a given street

**street'car'** *n.* a car on rails for public transportation along certain streets

**street'light'** *n.* a lamp on a post for lighting a street: also **street'lamp'**

**street'-smart'** *adj.* [Inf.] STREETWISE

**street smarts** [Inf.] cunning or shrewdness needed to live in an urban environment characterized by poverty, crime, etc.

**street'walk'er** *n.* a prostitute

**street'wise'** *adj.* [Inf.] experienced in dealing with the people in urban poverty areas where vice and crime are common

**strength** (streŋkth) *n.* [OE *strengthu*] 1 the state or quality of being strong; force; power 2 toughness; durability 3 the power to resist attack 4 potency or concentration, as of drugs, etc. 5 intensity, as of sound, etc. 6 force of an army, etc., as measured in numbers — on the strength of based or relying on

**strength'en** *vt., vi.* to make or become stronger —**strength'en-er** *n.*

**stren-u-ous** (stren'yō əs) *adj.* [L *strenuus*] requiring or characterized by

great effort or energy —**stren'u-ous-ly** *adv.* —**stren'u-ous-ness** *n.*

**strep** (strep) *n.* short for: 1 STREPTOCOCCUS 2 STREP THROAT

**strep throat** (strep) a sore throat caused by a streptococcus, with inflammation and fever

**strep-to-coc-cus** (strep'tə kāk'əs) *n., pl. -coc'ci' (-kāk'sī')* [< Gr *streptos*, twisted + COCCUS] any of various spherical bacteria that occur in chains: some cause serious diseases

**strep'to-my'cin** (-mī'sin) *n.* [< Gr *streptos*, bent + *mykēs*, fungus] an antibiotic drug used in treating various diseases

**stress** (stres) *n.* [< L *strictus*, strict] 1 strain; specif., force that strains or deforms 2 emphasis; importance 3 *a*) mental or physical tension *b*) urgency, pressure, etc. causing this 4 the relative force of utterance given a syllable or word; accent —*vt.* 1 to put stress or pressure on 2 to accent 3 to emphasize

**stressed'-out'** *adj.* tired, nervous, etc. as from overwork, mental pressure, etc.

**stress fracture** a leg fracture caused by repetitive stress, as in marathon running

**stretch** (strech) *vt.* [OE *streccan*] 1 to reach out; extend 2 to draw out to full extent or to greater size 3 to cause to extend too far; strain 4 to strain in interpretation, scope, etc. —*vi.* 1 *a*) to spread out to full extent or beyond normal limits *b*) to extend over a given distance or time 2 *a*) to extend the body or limbs to full length *b*) to lie down (usually with *out*) 3 to become stretched —*n.* 1 a stretching or being stretched 2 an unbroken period [a ten-day *stretch*] 3 an unbroken length, tract, etc. 4 short for HOMESTRETCH 5 an action that exceeds someone's normal powers —*adj.* 1 made of elasticized fabric so as to stretch easily 2 designating a vehicle built extra long to enlarge seating capacity [a *stretch* limousine] —**stretch'a-ble** *adj.* —**stretch'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**stretch'er** *n.* 1 one that stretches 2 a canvas-covered frame for carrying the sick or injured

**strew** (strō) *vt.* strewed, strewed or strewn, strew'ing [OE *streawian*] 1 to spread here and there; scatter 2 to cover as by scattering

**stri-at-ed** (stri'āt'id) *adj.* [< L *striare*, to groove] marked with parallel lines, bands, furrows, etc.

**strick-en** (strik'ən) *vt., vi.* alt. pp. of STRIKE —*adj.* 1 struck or wounded 2 afflicted, as by something painful

**strict** (strikt) *adj.* [< L *stringere*, draw tight] 1 exact or precise 2 *a*) enforcing rules carefully *b*) closely enforced —**strict'ly** *adv.* —**strict'ness** *n.*

**stric-ture** (strikt'chər) *n.* [see prec.] 1 adverse criticism 2 a limiting; restriction 3 an abnormal narrowing of a passage in the body

**stride** (strīd) *vi.* strode, strid'den, strid'ing [OE *stridan*] 1 to walk with long steps 2 to take a single, long step (esp. over something) —*n.* 1 a long step



2 the distance covered by such a step 3 [usually *pl.*] progress [to make *strides*]

**stri-dent** (strid'nt) *adj.* [*< L stridere, to rasp*] harsh-sounding; shrill; grating — **stri'dent-ly** *adv.*

**strife** (strif) *n.* [*< OFr estrif*] 1 contention 2 fighting or quarreling; struggle

**strike** (stri:k) *vt.* struck, struck or, esp. for *vt.* 7 & 10, strick'en, strik'ing [*OE strican, to go, advance*] 1 to hit with the hand, a tool, etc. 2 to make by stamping, etc. [to *strike* coins] 3 to announce (time), as with a bell: said of clocks, etc. 4 to ignite (a match) or produce (a light, etc.) by friction 5 to collide with or cause to collide [he *struck* his head on a beam] 6 to attack 7 to afflict, as with disease, pain, etc. 8 to come upon; notice, find, etc. 9 to affect as if by contact, etc.; occur to [an idea *struck* me] 10 to remove (from a list, record, etc.) 11 to make (a bargain, truce, etc.) 12 to lower (a sail, flag, etc.) 13 to assume (an attitude, pose, etc.) — *vi.* 1 to hit (at) 2 to attack 3 to make sounds as by being struck: said of a bell, clock, etc. 4 to collide; hit (*against, on, or upon*) 5 to seize bait: said of a fish 6 to come suddenly (*on or upon*) 7 to refuse to continue to work until certain demands are met 8 to proceed, esp. in a new direction — *n.* 1 the act of striking; specif., a military attack 2 a refusal by employees to go on working, in an attempt to gain better working conditions, etc. 3 the discovery of a rich deposit of oil, etc. 4 *Baseball* a pitched ball missed, or fouled off, by the batter or called a good pitch by the umpire 5 *Bowling* a knocking down of all the pins on the first roll — **strike out** 1 to erase 2 to start out 3 *Baseball* to put out, or be put out, on three strikes — **strike up** to begin — **strik'er** *n.*

**strike'out** *n.* *Baseball* an out made by a batter charged with three strikes

**strik'ing** *adj.* very impressive, attractive, etc.

**string** (stri:n) *n.* [*OE streng*] 1 a thin line of fiber, leather, etc. used for tying, pulling, etc. 2 a group of like things on a string [a *string* of pearls] 3 a row, series, etc. of like things [a *string* of houses] 4 *a*) a slender cord of wire, gut, etc. bowed, plucked, or struck to make a musical sound *b*) [*pl.*] all the stringed instruments of an orchestra 5 a fiber of a plant 6 [*Inf.*] a condition attached to a plan, offer, etc.: *usually used in pl.* — *vt.* strung, string'ing 1 to provide with strings 2 to thread on a string 3 to tie, hang, etc. with a string 4 to remove the strings from (beans, etc.) 5 to arrange in a row 6 to extend [*string* a cable] — **pull strings** to get someone to use influence in one's behalf, often secretly — **string'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

**string bean** SNAP BEAN

**stringed instrument** (stri:nd) a musical instrument with vibrating strings, as a violin or guitar

**strin-gent** (strin'jant) *adj.* [see STRICT] strict; severe — **strin'gen-cy** *n.*

**string'er** *n.* 1 a long horizontal piece in a structure 2 a part-time, local correspondent for a newspaper, magazine,

etc.

**strip<sup>1</sup>** (strip) *vt.* stripped, strip'ping [*OE stripan*] 1 to remove (the clothing, etc.) from (a person) 2 to dispossess of (honors, titles, etc.) 3 to plunder; rob 4 to take off (a covering, etc.) from (a person or thing) 5 to make bare by taking away removable parts, etc. 6 to break the thread of (a nut, bolt, etc.) or the teeth of (a gear) — *vi.* to take off all clothing

**strip<sup>2</sup>** (strip) *n.* [*< STRIPE*] 1 a long, narrow piece, as of land, tape, etc. 2 *short for AIRSTRIP*

**strip cropping** crop planting in alternate rows to lessen erosion, as on a hillside

**stripe** (stri:p) *n.* [*< MDu strip*] 1 a long, narrow band differing from the surrounding area 2 a strip of cloth on a uniform to show rank, years served, etc. 3 kind; sort [a man of his *stripe*] — *vt.* striped, strip'ing to mark with stripes

**strip-ling** (strip'lin) *n.* a grown boy

**strip mall** a shopping center of connected storefronts with a parking area in front

**strip mining** mining, esp. for coal, by laying bare a mineral deposit near the surface of the earth

**stripped'-down'** *adj.* reduced to essentials

**strip'-search'** *vt.* to search (a person) by requiring removal of the clothes — *n.* such a search Also **strip search**

**strip'tease'** *n.* an entertainment in which the performer undresses slowly, usually to musical accompaniment

**strive** (stri:v) *vi.* strove or strived, striven (stri:v'an) or strived, striv'ing [*< OFr estrif, effort*] 1 to make great efforts; try very hard 2 to struggle

**strobe (light)** (ströb) [*< Gr strobos, a twisting around*] an electronic tube emitting rapid, brief, and brilliant flashes of light

**strode** (ströd) *vi., vt. pt. of STRIDE*

**stroke** (strök) *n.* [*ME*] 1 a blow of an ax, whip, etc. 2 a sudden action or event [a *stroke* of luck] 3 an interruption of normal blood flow to the brain, as from a hemorrhage, blood clot, etc., causing paralysis, etc. 4 a single strong effort 5 the sound of striking, as of a clock 6 *a*) a single movement, as with a tool, racket, etc. *b*) any of a series of repeated motions made in rowing, swimming, etc. 7 a mark made by a pen, etc. — *vt.* stroked, strok'ing to draw one's hand, a tool, etc. gently over the surface of

**stroll** (ströl) *vi.* [prob. *< Ger strolch, vagabond*] 1 to walk about leisurely; saunter 2 to wander — *vt.* to stroll along or through — *n.* a leisurely walk

**stroll'er** *n.* 1 one who strolls 2 a light, chairlike baby carriage

**strong** (strön) *adj.* [*OE strang*] 1 *a*) physically powerful *b*) healthy; hearty 2 morally or intellectually powerful [a *strong* will] 3 firm; durable 4 powerful in wealth, numbers, etc. 5 of a speci-



fied number [troops 6,000 *strong*] 6 having a powerful effect 7 intense in degree or quality 8 forceful; vigorous, etc. —**strong'ly** *adv.*

**strong'-arm'** [Inf.] *adj.* using physical force —*vt.* to use force upon

**strong'box'** *n.* a heavily made box or safe for storing valuables

**strong'hold'** *n.* a place having strong defenses; fortress

**strong'-mind'ed** *adj.* unyielding; determined: also **strong'-willed'**

**stron·ti·um** (strän'shəm, -shē əm; stränt'ē əm) *n.* [ult. after *Strontian*, Scotland, where first found] a metallic chemical element resembling calcium in properties

**strop** (sträp) *n.* [OE] a leather band for sharpening razors —*vt.* **stropped**, **strop'ping** to sharpen on a strop

**stro·phe** (strō'fē) *n.* [Gr *strophē*, a turning] a stanza of a poem

**strove** (strōv) *vi. alt. pt. of STRIVE*

**struck** (struk) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of STRIKE*

**struc·ture** (struk'chər) *n.* [L *struere*, arrange] 1 something built or constructed, as a building or dam 2 the arrangement of all the parts of a whole 3 something composed of related parts —*vt.* -tured, -tur·ing to put together systematically —**struc'tur·al** *adj.*

**stru·del** (strōd'l) *n.* [Ger] a pastry made of a thin sheet of dough filled with apples, etc., rolled up, and baked

**strug·gle** (strug'al) *vi.* -gled, -gling [ME *strogelen*] 1 to fight violently with an opponent 2 to make great efforts; strive; labor —*n.* 1 great effort 2 conflict; strife

**strum** (strum) *vt., vi.* strummed, **strum'ming** [echoic] to play (a guitar, etc.) with long strokes across the strings, often casually

**strum·pet** (strum'pit) *n.* [ME] a prostitute

**strung** (strun) *vt., vi. pt. & alt. pp. of STRING*

**strut** (strut) *vi.* strut'ted, strut'ting [OE *strutian*, stand rigid] to walk in a swaggering manner —*n.* 1 a swaggering walk 2 a brace fitted into a framework to stabilize the structure

**strych·nine** (striks'nin, -nēn', -nīn') *n.* [L *strychnos*, nightshade] a colorless, highly poisonous, crystalline alkaloid

**stub** (stub) *n.* [OE *stybb*] 1 a tree or plant stump 2 a short piece left over [a pencil *stub*] 3 any short or blunt projection 4 the part of a ticket, bank check, etc. kept as a record —*vt.* **stubbed**, **stub'bing** 1 to strike (one's toe, etc.) against something 2 to put out (a cigarette, etc.) by pressing the end against a surface: often with *out*

**stub·ble** (stub'al) *n.* [L *stipula*, a stalk] 1 short stumps of grain, corn, etc., left after harvesting 2 any short, bristly growth, as of a beard

**stub·born** (stub'ərn) *adj.* [ME *stoburn*] 1 refusing to yield or comply; obstinate 2 done in an obstinate or persistent way 3 hard to handle or deal with —

**stub'born·ly** *adv.* —**stub'born·ness** *n.*

**stub·by** (stub'ē) *adj.* -bi·er, -bi·est 1 covered with stubs or stubble 2 short and dense 3 short and thickset

**stuc·co** (stuk'ō) *n., pl.* -coes or -cos [It] plaster or cement for surfacing walls, etc. —*vt.* -coed, -co·ing to cover with stucco

**stuck** (stuk) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of STICK*

**stuck'-up'** *adj.* [Inf.] snobbish; conceited

**stud<sup>1</sup>** (stud) *n.* [OE *studu*, a post] 1 any of a series of small knobs, etc. used to ornament a surface 2 a small, button-like device for fastening a shirt front, etc. 3 an upright piece in the wall of a building, to which panels, laths, etc. are nailed —*vt.* **stud'ded**, **stud'ding** 1 to set or decorate with studs, etc. 2 to be set thickly on [rocks *stud* the hill]

**stud<sup>2</sup>** (stud) *n.* [OE] a male animal, esp. a horse (**stud'horse'**), kept for breeding

**stud'book'** *n.* a register of purebred animals, esp. racehorses: also **stud book**

**stud'ding** *n.* studs, esp. for walls

**stu·dent** (stōd'nt) *n.* [L *studere*, to study] 1 one who studies, or investigates 2 one who is enrolled for study at a school, college, etc.

**stud·ied** (stud'ēd) *adj.* 1 prepared by careful study 2 deliberate

**stu·di·o** (stō'dē ō) *n., pl.* -os' [It] 1 a place where an artist, etc. works or where music or dancing lessons, etc. are given 2 a place where films, radio or TV programs, etc. are produced

**studio apartment** a one-room apartment with a kitchen area and a bathroom

**studio couch** a couch that can be opened into a full-sized bed

**stu·di·ous** (stō'dē əs) *adj.* [L *studiosus*] 1 fond of study 2 zealous or attentive

**stud·y** (stud'ē) *n., pl.* -ies [L *studere*, to study] 1 the acquiring of knowledge, as by reading or investigating 2 careful examination of a subject, event, etc. 3 a branch of learning 4 [pl.] formal education; schooling 5 an essay, thesis, etc. containing the results of an investigation 6 an earnest effort 7 deep thought 8 a room for study, etc. —*vt.* -ied, -y·ing 1 to try to learn or understand by reading, thinking, etc. 2 to investigate carefully 3 to read (a book, etc.) intently 4 to take a course in, as at a school —*vi.* 1 to study something 2 to be a student 3 to meditate

**stuff** (stuf) *n.* [OFr *estoffe*] 1 the material out of which anything is made 2 essence; character 3 matter of an unspecified kind 4 cloth, esp. woolen cloth 5 objects; things 6 worthless objects; junk 7 [Inf.] ability, skill, etc. —*vt.* 1 to fill or pack; specif., a) to fill the skin of (a dead animal) in taxidermy b) to fill (a turkey, etc.) with seasoning, bread crumbs, etc. before roasting 2 to fill too full; cram 3 to plug; block —*vi.* to eat too much

**stuffed shirt** [Slang] a pompous, pretentious person

**stuff'ing** *n.* something used to stuff, as padding in cushions or a seasoned mix-



ture for stuffing fowl

**stuff'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 poorly ventilated; close 2 having the nasal passages stopped up, as from a cold 3 [Inf.] dull, conventional, or pompous — **stuff'i-ness** *n.*

**stul-ti-fy** (stul'tə fi') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [*< L stultus, foolish + facere, make*] 1 to make seem foolish, stupid, etc. 2 to make worthless, etc.

**stum-ble** (stum'bəl) *vi.* -bled, -bling [*ME stumblen*] 1 to trip in walking, running, etc. 2 to walk unsteadily 3 to speak, act, etc. in a blundering way 4 to do wrong 5 to come by chance — *n.* a stumbling — **stum'bler** *n.*

**stumbling block** a difficulty or obstacle

**stump** (stump) *n.* [*ME stumpfe*] 1 the end of a tree or plant left in the ground after the upper part has been cut off 2 the part of a limb, tooth, etc. left after the rest has been removed 3 the place where a political speech is made — *vt.* 1 to travel over (a district), making political speeches 2. [Inf.] to puzzle or perplex — *vi.* 1 to walk with a heavy step 2 to travel about, making political speeches — **stump'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**stun** (stun) *vt.* stunned, stun'ning [*ult. < L ex-, intens. + tonare, to thunder*] 1 to make unconscious, as by a blow 2 to daze; shock

**stung** (stun) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of STING*

**stunk** (stunk) *vi. pp. & alt. pt. of STINK*

**stun-ning** (stun'in) *adj.* [Inf.] remarkably attractive, excellent, etc.

**stunt**<sup>1</sup> (stunt) *vt.* [*< OE, stupid*] 1 to check the growth or development of 2 to hinder (growth, etc.)

**stunt**<sup>2</sup> (stunt) *n.* [*< ?*] something done to show one's skill or daring, get attention, etc. — *vi.* to do a stunt

**stu-pe-fy** (stoo'pə fi') *vt.* [*< L stupere, be stunned + facere, make*] 1 to produce stupor in; stun 2 to astound; bewilder — **stu-pe-fac'tion** (-fak'shən) *n.*

**stu-pen-dous** (stoo pen'dəs) *adj.* [*< L stupere, be stunned*] 1 astonishing 2 astonishingly great

**stu-pid** (stoo'pid) *adj.* [see prec.] 1 lacking normal intelligence 2 foolish; silly [a stupid idea] 3 dull and boring — **stu-pid'i-ty**, *pl. -ties*, *n.*

**stu-por** (stoo'pər) *n.* [see STUPENDOUS] a state in which the mind and senses are dulled; loss of sensibility

**stur-dy** (stur'dē) *adj.* -di-er, -di-est [*< OFr estourdi, hard to control*] 1 firm; resolute 2 strong; vigorous 3 strongly constructed — **stur'di-ly** *adv.* — **stur'di-ness** *n.*

**stur-geon** (stur'jən) *n.* [*< OFr esturjon*] a large food fish valuable as a source of caviar

**stut-ter** (stut'ər) *vt., vi., n.* [*< ME stutten*] STAMMER

**Stutt-gart** (stoot'gärt'; Ger shtoot'gärt') city in SW Germany: pop. 592,000

**St. Vin-cent and the Gren-a-dines** (sānt vin'sənt and thə gren'ə dēnz') country consisting of the island of St. Vincent and the N Grenadines, in the West Indies: 150 sq. mi.; pop. 106,000

**sty**<sup>1</sup> (stī) *n., pl. sties* [*< OE sti, hall,*

enclosure] 1 a pen for pigs 2 any foul place

**sty**<sup>2</sup> or **stye** (stī) *n., pl. sties or styes* [*ult. < OE stigan, to rise*] a small, inflamed swelling on the rim of an eyelid

**Styg-i-an** (stij'ē ən, stij'an) *adj.* 1 of the Styx 2 [also s-] a) infernal b) dark or gloomy

**style** (stil) *n.* [*< L stilus, pointed writing tool*] 1 a stylus 2 a) manner of expression in language b) characteristic manner of expression, design, etc. in any art, period, etc. c) excellence of artistic expression 3 a) fashion b) something stylish — *vt.* styled, styl'ing 1 to name; call 2 to design the style of 3 to arrange (hair) by cutting, etc.

**styl-ish** (stī'lish) *adj.* conforming to current style, as in dress; fashionable

**styl'ist** (-list) *n.* 1 a writer, etc. whose work has style and distinction 2 a person who styles hair — **sty-lis'tic** *adj.* — **sty-lis'ti-cal-ly** *adv.*

**styl'ize**' (-līz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to design or represent according to a style rather than nature

**sty-lus** (stī'ləs) *n., pl. -lus-es or -li* (-lī) [*L, for stilus, pointed instrument*] 1 a sharp, pointed marking device 2 a) a sharp, pointed device for cutting the grooves of a phonograph record b) the short, pointed piece moving in such grooves, that transmits vibrations

**sty-mie** (stī'mē) *n.* [prob. < Scot, person partially blind] *Golf* a situation in which a ball to be putted has another ball between it and the hole — *vt.* -mied, -mie-ing to block; impede

**sty'my** *n. pl. -mies, vt. -mied, -my-ing alt. sp. of STYMIE*

**styp-tic pencil** (stip'tik) a piece of astringent, used to stop minor bleeding

**Sty-ro-foam** (stī'rə fōm') *trademark for* a rigid, lightweight, spongelike polystyrene — *n.* [also s-] this substance

**Styx** (stiks) *n. Gr. Myth.* the river crossed by dead souls entering Hades

**sua-sion** (swā'zhən) *n.* [*< L suadere, to persuade*] *PERSUASION*: now chiefly in moral suasion, a persuading by appealing to one's sense of morality

**suave** (swāv) *adj.* [*< L suavis, sweet*] smoothly gracious or polite; polished — **suave'ly** *adv.* — **suav'i-ty** *n.*

**sub**<sup>1</sup> (sub) *n. short for:* 1 SUBMARINE 2 SUBSTITUTE 3 SUBMARINE SANDWICH — *vi.* subbed, sub'bing [Inf.] to be a substitute (for someone)

**sub**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 substitute(s) 2 suburb(an)

**sub-** [*< L sub, under*] *prefix* 1 under [submarine] 2 lower than; inferior to [subhead] 3 to a lesser degree than [subhuman]

**sub-a-tom-ic** (sub'ə tām'ik) *adj.* of the inner part of or a particle smaller than an atom

**sub'branch'** *n.* a division of a branch

**sub'com-mit'tee** *n.* a small committee chosen from a main committee

**sub-com'pact'** *n.* an automobile model



smaller than a compact

**sub-con'scious** *adj.* occurring with little or no conscious perception on the part of the individual: said of mental processes and reactions —**the subconscious** subconscious mental activity —**sub-con'scious-ly** *adv.*

**sub'con'ti-nent** *n.* a large land mass smaller than a continent

**sub'con'tract** *n.* a secondary contract undertaking some or all obligations of another contract —**vt., vi.** to make a subcontract (for) —**sub'con'trac'tor** *n.*

**sub'cul'ture** *n.* 1 a distinctive social group within a larger social group 2 its cultural patterns

**sub'cu-ta'ne-ous** *adj.* beneath the skin

**sub'dea'con** *n.* a cleric ranking below a deacon

**sub'dis'trict** *n.* a subdivision of a district

**sub'di-vide'** *vt., vi.* -vid'ed, -vid'ing 1 to divide further 2 to divide (land) into small parcels —**sub'di-vi'sion** *n.*

**sub-due** (səb dōō') *vt.* -dued', -du'ing [*< L subducere, take away*] 1 to conquer 2 to overcome; control 3 to make less intense; diminish

**sub'fam'i-ly** *n., pl.* -lies a main subdivision of a family, as of plants or of languages

**sub'head'** *n.* a subordinate heading or title, as of a magazine article

**subj** *abbrev.* 1 subject 2 subjunctive

**sub-ject** (sub'jekt, -jekt'; *for v. səb jekt')* *adj.* [*< L sub-, under + jacere, to throw*] 1 under the authority or control of another 2 having a tendency [*subject to anger*] 3 exposed [*subject to censure*] 4 contingent upon: with *to* [*subject to approval*] —*n.* 1 one under the authority or control of another 2 one made to undergo a treatment, experiment, etc. 3 something dealt with in discussion, study, etc.; theme 4 a course of study in a school or college 5 *Gram.* the noun, etc. in a sentence about which something is said —**vt.** 1 to bring under the authority or control of 2 to cause to undergo something [*to subject someone to questioning*] —**sub-jec'tion** *n.*

**sub-jec-tive** (səb jek'tiv) *adj.* of or resulting from the feelings of the person thinking; not objective; personal —**sub-jec-tiv-i-ty** (sub'jek tiv'ə tē) *n.*

**sub-join** (səb join') *vt.* [*see SUB- & JOIN*] to append

**sub-ju-gate** (sub'jə gāt') *vt.* -gat'ed, -gat'ing [*< L sub-, under + jugum, a yoke*] to bring under control; conquer —**sub'ju-ga'tion** *n.*

**sub-junc-tive** (səb junk'tiv) *adj.* [*< L subjungere, subjoin*] designating or of the mood of a verb that is used to express supposition, desire, possibility, etc., rather than to state an actual fact

**sub-lease** (sub'lēs'; *for v. sub lēs')* *n.* a lease granted by a lessee —**vt.** -leased', -leas'ing to grant or hold a sublease of

**sub-let** (sub let') *vt.* -let', -let'ting 1 to let to another (property which one is renting) 2 to let out (work) to a subcon-

tractor

**sub-li-mate** (sub'lə māt') *vt.* -mat'ed, -mat'ing 1 to change (a solid) to a gas, or (a gas) to a solid, without becoming a liquid 2 to express (unacceptable impulses) in acceptable forms, often unconsciously —**sub'li-ma'tion** *n.*

**sub-lime** (sə blīm') *adj.* [*< L sub-, up to + limen, lintel*] 1 noble; exalted 2 inspiring awe or admiration —**vt.** -limed', -lim'ing **SUBLIMATE** (*vt.* 1) —**sub-lim-i-ty** (sə blīm'ə tē) *n.*

**sub-lim-i-nal** (sub lim'ə nəl) *adj.* [*< SUB- + L limen, threshold + -AL*] below the threshold of consciousness

**sub'ma-chine'** *gun* a portable automatic firearm

**sub-mar-gin-al** (sub mār'jə nəl) *adj.* below minimum requirements or standards

**sub-ma-rine** (sub'mə rēn', sub'mə rēn') *adj.* being, living, etc. underwater —*n.* a ship, esp. a warship, that can operate under water

**submarine sandwich** *HERO SANDWICH*

**sub-merge** (səb mərj') *vt., vi.* -merged', -merg'ing [*< L sub-, under + mergere, to plunge*] to place or sink beneath the surface, as of water —**sub-mer'gence** (-mər'jəns) *n.*

**sub-merse'** (-mɜrs') *vt.* -mersed', -mers'ing **SUBMERGE** —**sub-mers'i-ble** *adj.* —**sub-mer'sion** *n.*

**sub-mis-sion** (səb mish'an) *n.* 1 a submitting or surrendering 2 obedience; resignation 3 *a)* the submitting of something to another *b)* the thing submitted, as a manuscript —**sub-mis'sive** *adj.*

**sub-mit'** (-mit') *vt.* -mit'ted, -mit'ting [*< L sub-, down + mittere, send*] 1 to present to others for consideration, etc. 2 to yield to the control or power of another 3 to offer as an opinion —*vi.* to yield; give in

**sub-nor-mal** (sub nôr'məl) *adj.* below normal, esp. in intelligence

**sub-or-bit-al** (-ôr'bit'l) *adj.* designating a flight in which a rocket, spacecraft, etc. follows a trajectory of less than one orbit

**sub-or-di-nate** (sə bôrd'n it; *for v., -bôr' də nāt')* *adj.* [*< L sub-, under + ordinare, to order*] 1 below another in rank, importance, etc. 2 under the authority of another 3 *Gram.* having the function of a noun, adjective, or adverb within a sentence [*a subordinate clause*] —*n.* one that is subordinate —**vt.** -nat'ed, -nat'ing to place in a subordinate position —**sub-or-di-na'tion** *n.*

**subordinate clause** *Gram.* **DEPENDENT CLAUSE**

**sub-orn** (sə bôrn') *vt.* [*< L sub-, under + ornare, furnish*] to induce (another) to commit perjury —**sub-or-na-tion** (sub'ôr nā'shən) *n.*

**sub'plot'** *n.* a secondary plot in a play, novel, etc.

**sub-poe-na** (sə pē'nə) *n.* [*< L sub poena, under penalty*] a written legal order directing a person to appear in court to testify, etc. —**vt.** -naed, -na-ing to summon with such an order Also **sub-pe'na**

**sub ro-sa** (sub rō'zə) [*L, under the rose,*



ancient symbol of secrecy] secretly; privately

**sub-scribe** (səb skrib') *vt., vi.* -scribed', -scrib'ing [*< L sub-, under + scribere, write*] 1 to sign (one's name) at the end of a document, etc. 2 to give support or consent (to) 3 to promise to contribute (money) 4 to agree to receive and pay for a periodical, service, etc. (with *to*) — **sub-scrib'er** *n.*

**sub-script** (sub'skript') *n.* [see prec.] a figure, letter, or symbol written below and to the side of another

**sub-scrip-tion** (səb skrip'shən) *n.* 1 a subscribing 2 money subscribed 3 a formal agreement to receive and pay for a periodical, etc.

**sub-se-quent** (sub'si kwənt) *adj.* [*< L sub-, after + sequi, follow*] coming after; following — **subsequent** to after — **sub'se-quent-ly** *adv.*

**sub-ser-vi-ent** (səb sur've ənt) *adj.* [*< L sub-, under + servire, to serve*] 1 that is of service, esp. in a subordinate capacity 2 submissive — **sub-ser'vi-ence** *n.*

**sub-set** (sub'set') *n.* a mathematical set containing some or all of the elements of a given set

**sub-side** (səb sid') *vi.* -sid'ed, -sid'ing [*< L sub-, under + sidere, to settle*] 1 to sink to the bottom or to a lower level 2 to become less active, intense, etc. — **sub-sid'ence** *n.*

**sub-sid-i-ar-y** (səb sid'ē er'ē) *adj.* [see SUBSIDY] 1 giving aid, service, etc.; auxiliary 2 being in a subordinate relationship — *n., pl. -ies* one that is subsidiary; specif., a company controlled by another company

**sub-si-dize** (sub'sə dīz') *vt.* -dized', -diz'ing to support with a subsidy — **sub'si-di-za'tion** *n.*

**sub-si-dy** (sub'sə dē) *n., pl. -dies* [*< L subsidium, auxiliary forces*] a grant of money, as from a government to a private enterprise

**sub-sist** (səb sist') *vi.* [*< L sub-, under + sistere, to stand*] 1 to continue to be or exist 2 to continue to live; remain alive (*on* or *by*)

**sub-sist'ence** *n.* 1 existence 2 the act of providing sustenance 3 means of support or livelihood, esp. the barest means

**sub-soil** (sub'soil') *n.* the layer of soil beneath the topsoil

**sub-son-ic** (sub sən'ik) *adj.* designating, of, or moving at a speed less than that of sound

**sub-stance** (sub'stəns) *n.* [*< L substare, be present*] 1 the real or essential part of anything; essence 2 the physical matter of which a thing consists 3 *a*) solid or substantial quality *b*) consistency; body 4 the real meaning; gist 5 wealth 6 a drug: see CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

**sub-stand'ard** *adj.* below standard

**sub-stan-tial** (səb stan'shəl) *adj.* 1 having substance 2 real; true 3 strong; solid 4 ample; large 5 important 6 wealthy 7 with regard to essential elements — **sub-stan'tial-ly** *adv.*

**sub-stan'ti-ate'** (-shē āt') *vt.* -at'ed,

-at'ing [see SUBSTANCE] to show to be true or real by giving evidence — **sub-stan'ti-a'tion** *n.*

**sub-stan-tive** (sub'stən tiv) *adj.* [see SUBSTANCE] of or dealing with essentials — *n. Gram.* a noun or any other word or group of words used as a noun

**sub'sta'tion** *n.* a small post-office station, as in a store

**sub-sti-tute** (sub'stə tōt') *n.* [*< L sub-, under + statuere, put*] a person or thing serving or used in place of another — *vt., vi.* -tut'ed, -tut'ing to put, use, or serve in place of (another) — **sub'sti-tu'tion** *n.*

**sub-stratum** (sub'strāt'əm, -strat'-) *n., pl. -ta* (-ə) or **-tums** a part, substance, etc. which lies beneath and supports another

**sub'struc'ture** *n.* a part or structure that is a support, base, etc.

**sub-sume** (sub sōm') *vt.* -sumed', -sum'ing [*< L sub-, under + sumere, take*] to include within a larger class

**sub'teen'** *n.* a child nearly a teenager

**sub'ten'ant** *n.* a person who rents from a tenant — **sub-ten'an-cy** *n.*

**sub-ter-fuge** (sub'tər fyōōj') *n.* [*< L subter, secretly + fugere, flee*] any plan or action used to hide or evade something

**sub-ter-ra-ne-an** (sub'tə rā'nē ən) *adj.* [*< L sub-, under + terra, earth*] 1 underground 2 secret; hidden

**sub-text** (sub'tekst') *n.* an underlying meaning, theme, etc.

**sub'ti'tle** *n.* 1 a secondary or explanatory title 2 one or more lines of translated dialogue, etc. at the bottom of a film or video image — *vt.* -ti'tled, -ti'tling to add a subtitle or subtitles to

**sub-tle** (sut'l) *adj.* -tler (-lər, -l ər), -tlest [*< L subtilis, fine, thin*] 1 thin; not dense 2 mentally keen 3 delicately skillful 4 crafty 5 not obvious — **sub'tle-ty**, *pl. -ties*, *n.* — **sub'tly** *adv.*

**sub'to'tal** *n.* a total that is part of a complete total — *vt., vi.* -taled or -talled, -tal'ing or -tal'ing to add up so as to form a subtotal

**sub-tract** (səb trakt') *vt., vi.* [*< L sub-, under + trahere, to draw*] to take away or deduct (one quantity from another) — **sub-trac'tion** *n.*

**sub-tra-hend** (sub'trə hend') *n.* a quantity to be subtracted from another (the *minuend*)

**sub-trop-i-cal** (sub trā'pi kəl) *adj.* 1 of regions bordering on the tropics 2 characteristic of such regions Also **sub-trop'ic**

**sub-urb** (sub'ərb) *n.* [*< L sub-, near + urbs, town*] a district, town, etc. on the outskirts of a city — **sub-ur-ban** (sə bur'bən) *adj.*

**sub-ur-ban-ite** (sə bur'bən it') *n.* a person living in a suburb

**sub-ur'bi-a** (-bē ə) *n.* the suburbs or suburbanites collectively

**sub-ven-tion** (səb ven'shən) *n.* [*< LL subventio, aid*] a subsidy

**sub-ver-sive** (səb vur'siv) *adj.* tending



to subvert —*n.* a person seen as being subversive

**sub·vert** (səb vɜrt') *vt.* [*< L sub-, under + vertere, to turn*] 1 to overthrow or destroy (something established) 2 to corrupt, as in morals —**sub·ver'sion** (-vɜr'zhən) *n.*

**sub'way** *n.* an underground, electric metropolitan railway

**SUC-** *prefix* SUB-: used before *c* [*succumb*]

**suc·ceed** (sək sēd') *vi.* [*< L sub-, under + cedere, go*] 1 to follow, as into office 2 to be successful —*vt.* to come after; follow

**suc·cess** (sək ses') *n.* 1 a favorable result 2 the gaining of wealth, fame, etc. 3 a successful person or thing

**suc·cess'ful** *adj.* 1 turning out as was hoped for 2 having gained wealth, fame, etc. —**suc·cess'ful·ly** *adv.*

**suc·ces·sion** (sək sesh'ən) *n.* 1 *a*) the act of succeeding another, as to an office *b*) the right to do this 2 a number of persons or things coming one after another

**suc·ces'sive** (-ses'iv) *adj.* coming one after another —**suc·ces'sive·ly** *adv.*

**suc·ces'sor** *n.* one that succeeds another, as to an office

**suc·cinct** (sək sɪŋkt') *adj.* [*< L sub-, under + cingere, gird*] clear and brief; terse —**suc·cinct'ly** *adv.* —**suc·cinct'ness** *n.*

**suc·cor** (suk'ər) *vt.* [*< L sub-, under + currere, to run*] to help in time of need or distress —*n.* aid; relief

**suc·co·tash** (suk'ə tash') *n.* [*< AmInd*] a dish of lima beans and corn kernels cooked together

**suc·cu·lent** (suk'yō lənt) *adj.* [*< L sucus, juice*] full of juice —**suc'cu·lence** or **suc'cu·len·cy** *n.*

**suc·cumb** (sə kum') *vi.* [*< L sub-, under + cumbere, to lie*] 1 to give way (*to*); yield 2 to die

**such** (such) *adj.* [*OE swilc*] 1 *a*) of the kind mentioned *b*) of the same or a similar kind 2 whatever [*at such time as you go*] 3 so extreme, so much, etc. [*such an honor*] —*adv.* to so great a degree [*such good news*] —*pron.* 1 such a person or thing 2 the person or thing mentioned [*such was her nature*] —*as such* 1 as being what is indicated 2 in itself —**such as** for example

**such and such** (being) something particular but not named or specified [*such and such a place*]

**such'like** *adj.* of such a kind —*pron.* persons or things of such a kind

**suck** (suk) *vt.* [*< OE sucan*] 1 to draw (liquid) into the mouth 2 to take in by or as by sucking 3 to suck liquid from (fruit, etc.) 4 to hold (ice, etc.) in the mouth and lick so as to dissolve 5 to place (the thumb, etc.) in the mouth and draw on —*vi.* to suck something —*n.* the act of sucking

**suck'er** *n.* 1 one that sucks 2 a freshwater bony fish with a mouth adapted for sucking 3 a part used for sucking or for holding fast by suction 4 LOLLIPOP 5 [Slang] one easily cheated 6 Bot. a

subordinate shoot on the root or stem of a plant

**suck·le** (suk'əl) *vt.* -led, -ling [*ME soke-len*] 1 to cause to suck at the breast or udder; nurse 2 to bring up; rear —*vi.* to suck at the breast or udder

**suck'ling** *n.* an unweaned child or young animal

**su·crose** (sōō'krōs') *n.* [*< Fr sucre, sugar + -OSE<sup>1</sup>*] a sugar extracted from sugar cane or sugar beets

**suc·tion** (suk'shən) *n.* [*< L sugere, to suck*] 1 a sucking 2 the production of a vacuum in a cavity or over a surface so that external atmospheric pressure forces fluid in or causes something to adhere to the surface

**Su·dan** (sōō dan') country in NE Africa: 967,500 sq. mi.; pop. 20,564,000: often preceded by *the* —**Su·da·nese** (sōō'də nēz'), *pl.* -nese', *adj.*, *n.*

**sud·den** (sud'n) *adj.* [*< L sub-, under + ire, go*] 1 *a*) happening or coming unexpectedly *b*) sharp or abrupt 2 quick or hasty —**all of a sudden** unexpectedly —**sud'den·ly** *adv.* —**sud'den·ness** *n.*

**sudden death** *Sports* an extra period added to a tied game: the game ends when one side scores

**sudden infant death syndrome** the sudden death of an apparently healthy infant, possibly caused by a breathing problem

**suds** (sudz) *pl.n.* [*prob. < MDu sudse, marsh water*] 1 soapy, frothy water 2 foam —**suds'y**, -i·er, -i·est, *adj.*

**sue** (sōō) *vt.*, *vi.* sued, su'ing [*< L sequi, follow*] 1 to appeal (*to*); petition 2 to prosecute in a court in seeking justice, etc.

**suede** or **suède** (swād) *n.* [*< Fr gants de Suède, Swedish gloves*] 1 tanned leather with the flesh side buffed into a nap 2 a kind of cloth like this

**su·et** (sōō'it) *n.* [*ult. < L sebum, tallow*] the hard fat of cattle and sheep: used in cooking, etc.

**Su·ez Canal** (sōō ez') ship canal joining the Mediterranean & Red seas

**suf** or **suff** *abbrev.* suffix

**suf-** *prefix* SUB-: used before *f*

**suf·fer** (suf'ər) *vt.*, *vi.* [*< L sub-, under + ferre, to bear*] 1 to undergo (pain, injury, grief, etc.) 2 to experience (any process) 3 to permit; tolerate —**suf'fer·er** *n.*

**suf·fer·ance** (suf'ər əns, suf'rəns) *n.* 1 the capacity to endure pain, etc. 2 consent, permission, etc. implied by failure to prohibit

**suf'fer·ing** (-ər ɪŋ, -rɪŋ) *n.* 1 the bearing of pain, distress, etc. 2 something suffered

**suf·fice** (sə fis') *vi.* -ficed', -fic'ing [*< L sub-, under + facere, make*] to be enough or adequate

**suf·fi·cient** (sə fish'ənt) *adj.* as much as is needed; enough —**suf·fi'cien·cy** *n.* —**suf·fi'cient·ly** *adv.*

**suf·fix** (suf'iks) *n.* [*< L sub-, under + figere, fix*] a syllable or syllables joined to the end of a word to alter its meaning, etc. (Ex.: -ness in *darkness*)

**suf·fo·cate** (suf'ə kāt') *vt.* -cat'ed,



**-cat'ing** [*< L sub-, under + fauces, throat*] 1 to kill by cutting off the supply of air for breathing 2 to smother, suppress, etc. —*vi.* 1 to die by being suffocated 2 to choke; stifle —**suffoca'tion** *n.*

**suf·frage** (suf'rij) *n.* [*< L suffragium, a ballot*] 1 a vote or voting 2 the right to vote; franchise

**suf·fra·gette** (suf'rə jet') *n.* [*< prec. + -ETTE*] a woman who advocates female suffrage: term objected to by some, who prefer *suffragist*

**suf'fra·gist** *n.* one who believes in extending the right to vote, esp. to women

**suf·fuse** (sə fyōōz') *vt.* **-fused', -fus'ing** [*< L sub-, under + fundere, pour*] to overspread so as to fill with a glow, etc. —**suf·fu'sion** *n.*

**sug-** *prefix* SUB-: used before *g*

**sug·ar** (shoog'ər) *n.* [*< Sans śārkarā*] any of a class of sweet, soluble carbohydrates, as sucrose or glucose; specif., sucrose used as a food and sweetening agent —*vt.* to sweeten, etc. with sugar —*vi.* to form sugar —**sug'ar-less** *adj.* —**sug'ar-y** *adj.*

**sugar beet** a beet having a white root with a high sugar content

**sugar cane** a very tall tropical grass cultivated as the main source of sugar

**sug'ar·coat'** *vt.* 1 to coat with sugar 2 to make (something disagreeable) seem more pleasant

**sug'ar·plum'** *n.* a round piece of sugary candy

**sug·gest** (səg jest') *vt.* [*< L sub-, under + gerere, carry*] 1 to bring to the mind for consideration 2 to call to mind by association of ideas 3 to propose as a possibility 4 to show indirectly; imply

**sug·gest'i·ble** *adj.* readily influenced by suggestion —**sug·gest'i·bil'i·ty** *n.*

**sug·ges'tion** (-jes'chən) *n.* 1 a suggesting or being suggested 2 something suggested 3 a hint or trace

**sug·ges'tive** *adj.* 1 that tends to suggest ideas 2 tending to suggest something considered improper or indecent —**sug·ges'tive-ly** *adv.*

**su·i·cide** (sōō'ə sīd') *n.* [*L sui, of oneself + -CIDE*] 1 the act of killing oneself intentionally 2 one who commits suicide —**su'i·ci'dal** *adj.*

**su·i ge·ne·ris** (sōō'ē jen'ər is) [*L, of his (or her or its) own kind*] without equal; unique

**suit** (sōōt) *n.* [*< L sequi, follow*] 1 a set of clothes; esp., a coat and trousers (or skirt) 2 any of the four sets of playing cards 3 action to secure justice in a court of law 4 an act of suing, pleading, etc. 5 courtship —*vt.* 1 to be appropriate to 2 to make right or appropriate; fit 3 to please; satisfy [nothing suits him] —**follow suit** to follow the example set —**suit oneself** to act according to one's own wishes —**suit up** to put on an athletic uniform, space-suit, etc. in preparation for a particular activity

**suit'a·ble** *adj.* that suits a given purpose, etc.; appropriate —**suit'a·bil'i·ty** *n.* —**suit'a·bly** *adv.*

**suit'case'** *n.* a travel case for clothes, etc.

**suite** (swēt; for 3, also sōōt) *n.* [*Fr: see SUIT*] 1 a group of attendants; staff 2 a set of connected rooms, as an apartment 3 a set of matched furniture for a given room

**suit'ing** *n.* cloth for making suits

**suit'or** *n.* a man courting a woman

**su·ki·ya·ki** (sōō'kē yā'kē) *n.* [*Jpn*] a Japanese dish of thinly sliced meat and vegetables, cooked quickly with soy sauce, sake, etc.

**Suk·kot** or **Suk·koth** (sook'ōt, sook'ōs) *n.* [*Heb, lit., tabernacles*] a Jewish fall festival commemorating the wandering of the Hebrews during the Exodus

**sul·fa** (sul'fə) *adj.* of a family of drugs used in combating certain bacterial infections

**sul·fate** (sul'fāt') *n.* a salt or ester of sulfuric acid

**sul'fide'** (-fid') *n.* a compound of sulfur with another element or a radical

**sul·fur** (sul'fər) *n.* [*< L sulphur*] a pale-yellow, nonmetallic chemical element: it burns with a blue flame and a stifling odor

**sul·fu·ric** (sul fyoor'ik) *adj.* of or containing sulfur

**sulfuric acid** an oily, colorless, corrosive liquid used in making dyes, explosives, fertilizers, etc.

**sul·fu·rous** (sul'fər əs, sul fyoor'əs) *adj.* 1 of or containing sulfur 2 like burning sulfur in odor, color, etc.

**sulk** (sulk) *vi.* [*< fol.*] to be sulky —*n.* a sulky mood: also **the sulks**

**sulk·y** (sul'kē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** [*prob. < OE -seolcan, become slack*] showing resentment by petulant withdrawal —*n., pl. -ies* a light, two-wheeled carriage for one person —**sulk'i·ly** *adv.* —**sulk'i·ness** *n.*

**sul·len** (sul'ən) *adj.* [*< L solus, alone*] 1 showing resentment and ill humor by morose, unsociable withdrawal 2 gloomy; sad —**sul'len-ly** *adv.* —**sul'len-ness** *n.*

**sul·ly** (sul'ē) *vt.* **-lied, -ly·ing** [*prob. < OFr soillier*] to soil, tarnish, etc., esp. by disgracing

**sul·phur** (sul'fər) *n.* chiefly *Brit. sp.* of SULFUR

**sul·tan** (sult'n) *n.* [*Fr < Ar sultān*] a Muslim ruler

**sul·tan·a** (sul tan'ə) *n.* 1 a sultan's wife, mother, sister, or daughter 2 a small, white, seedless grape used for raisins

**sul·tan·ate** (sult'n it, -āt') *n.* a sultan's authority, office, or domain

**sul·try** (sul'trē) *adj.* **-tri·er, -tri·est** [*< SWELTER*] 1 oppressively hot and moist 2 suggesting or showing passion, lust, etc.

**sum** (sum) *n.* [*< L summus, highest*] 1 an amount of money 2 gist; summary 3 the result obtained by adding quantities; total —**sum up** to summarize

**su·mac** or **su·mach** (sōō'mak', shōō'-) *n.* [*< Ar summāq*] any of numerous poisonous and nonpoisonous trees and



shrubs of the cashew family

**Su·ma·tra** (sōō mā'trə) *n.* large island of Indonesia

**sum·ma·rize** (sum'ə rīz') *vt.* -rized', -riz'ing to make or be a summary of

**sum'ma·ry** (-rē) *adj.* [*< L summa, a sum*] 1 summarizing; concise 2 prompt and without formality 3 hasty and arbitrary —*n., pl. -ries* a brief statement covering the main points; digest —**sum·mar·i·ly** (sə mer'ə lē) *adv.*

**sum·ma·tion** (sə mā'shən) *n.* a final summary of arguments, as in a trial

**sum·mer** (sum'ər) *n.* [*< OE sumor*] the warmest season of the year, following spring —*adj.* of or typical of summer —*vi.* to pass the summer —**sum'mer·y** *adj.*

**sum'mer·house'** *n.* a small, open structure in a garden, park, etc.

**summer sausage** a type of hard, dried or smoked sausage

**sum'mer·time'** *n.* the summer season

**sum·mit** (sum'it) *n.* [*< L summus, highest*] the highest or utmost point; top; apex —*adj.* of the heads of state [*a summit conference*]

**sum·mit·ry** (sum'i trē) *n., pl. -ries* the use of conferences between heads of state to resolve problems of diplomacy

**sum·mon** (sum'ən) *vt.* [*< L sub-, under + monere, warn*] 1 to call together; order to meet 2 to call or send for with authority 3 to rouse [*summon up one's strength*] —**sum'mon·er** *n.*

**sum'mons** (-ənz) *n., pl. -mons·es* [*see prec.*] 1 an order or command to come, attend, etc. 2 *Law* an official order to appear in court

**su·mo** (wrestling) (sōō'mō) [*Jpn sumō, compete*] [*sometimes S- w-*] Japanese wrestling by large, extremely heavy men

**sump** (sump) *n.* [*ME sompe, swamp*] a pit, cistern, cesspool, etc. for draining, collecting, or storing liquids

**sump·tu·ous** (sump'chōō əs) *adj.* [*< L sumptus, expense*] 1 costly; lavish 2 magnificent

**sun** (sun) *n.* [*OE sunne*] 1 the gaseous, self-luminous central star of the solar system 2 the heat or light of the sun 3 any star that is the center of a planetary system —*vt., vi.* sunned, sun'ning to expose (oneself) to direct sunlight

**Sun** *abbrev.* Sunday

**sun'bathe'** *vi.* -bathed', -bath'ing to expose the body to direct sunlight —**sun bath** —**sun'bath'er** *n.*

**sun'beam'** *n.* a beam of sunlight

**Sun'belt'** in the U.S., the S and SW states having a sunny climate and an expanding economy: also **Sun Belt**

**sun'block'** *n.* SUNSCREEN

**sun'bon'net** *n.* a bonnet for shading the face and neck from the sun

**sun'burn'** *n.* an inflammation of the skin from exposure to the sun's rays or to a sunlamp —*vi., vt.* -burned' or -burnt', -burn'ing to get or cause to get a sunburn

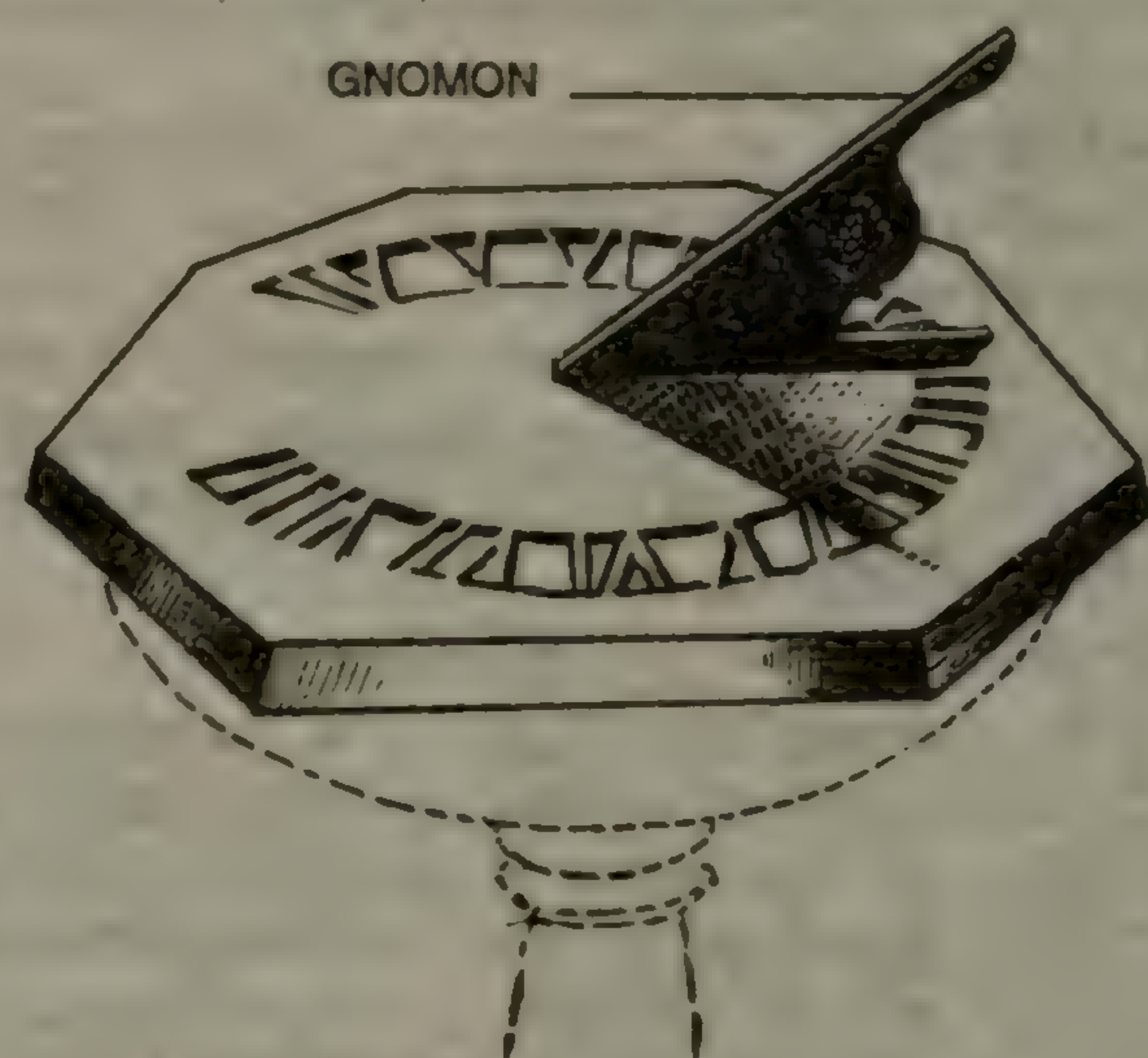
**sun'burst'** *n.* 1 sudden sunlight 2 a

decorative device representing the sun with spreading rays

**sun·dae** (sun'dā, -dē) *n.* [*prob. < fol.*] a serving of ice cream covered with a syrup, fruit, nuts, etc.

**Sun·day** (sun'dā) *n.* [*OE sunnandæg, sun day*] the first day of the week: it is the Sabbath for most Christians: *abbrev.* **Sun**

**sun·der** (sun'dər) *vt., vi.* [*< OE sundor, asunder*] to break apart; split



SUNDIAL

**sun'di'al** *n.* an instrument that shows time by the shadow of a pointer cast by the sun onto a dial

**sun'down'** *n.* SUNSET

**sun'dries** (-drēz) *pl.n.* sundry items

**sun'dry** (-drē) *adj.* [*< OE sundor, apart*] miscellaneous

**sun'fish'** *n., pl. -fish'* or (for different species) -fish'es 1 any of a family of North American freshwater fishes 2 a large, sluggish ocean fish

**sun'flow'er** *n.* a tall plant having large, yellow, daisylike flowers

**sung** (sun) *vi., vt. pp. & rare pt. of SING*

**sun'glass'es** *pl.n.* eyeglasses with tinted lenses to shade the eyes

**sunk** (sun) *vi., vt. pp. & alt. pt. of SINK*

**sunk'en** (-ən) *adj.* 1 submerged 2 below the general level [*a sunken patio*] 3 deeply set; hollow [*sunken cheeks*]

**sun'lamp'** *n.* an ultraviolet-ray lamp, used for tanning the body, etc.

**sun'light'** *n.* the light of the sun

**sun'lit'** *adj.* lighted by the sun

**sun'ny** (-ē) *adj. -ni·er, -ni·est* 1 full of sunshine 2 bright; cheerful —**sun'ni·ness** *n.*

**sunny side** 1 the sunlit side 2 the brighter aspect —**sunny side up** fried upturned and with unbroken yolk [*two eggs sunny side up*]

**sun'rise'** *n.* 1 the daily appearance of the sun above the E horizon 2 the varying time of this

**sun'roof'** *n.* a panel in a car roof, that opens to let in light and air: also **sun roof**

**sun'room'** *n.* a room with large windows to let in sunlight

**sun'screen'** *n.* a chemical used in lotions, creams, etc. to block certain ultraviolet rays of the sun and reduce the danger of sunburn

**sun'set'** *n.* 1 the daily disappearance of



the sun below the W horizon 2 the varying time of this

**sun'shine' n.** 1 the shining of the sun 2 the light and heat from the sun 3 a sunny place 4 cheerfulness, happiness, etc. —**sun'shin'y adj.**

**sun'spot' n.** any of the temporarily cooler regions appearing cyclically as dark spots on the sun

**sun'stroke' n.** a form of heatstroke caused by excessive exposure to the sun

**sun'suit' n.** short pants with a bib and shoulder straps, worn by babies and young children

**sun'tan' n.** a darkened condition of the skin resulting from exposure to the sun

**sun'up' n.** SUNRISE

**sup (sup) vi.** **supped, sup'ping** [**< OFr soupe, soup**] to have supper

**sup- prefix** SUB-: used before *p*

**su-per (sōō'pər) n.** [**< fol.**] *short for:* 1 SUPERNUMERARY (sense 2) 2 SUPERINTENDENT (sense 2) —**adj.** 1 [Inf.] outstanding; exceptionally fine 2 great, extreme, or excessive

**super- [L < super, above] prefix** 1 over, above [*superstructure*] 2 a) surpassing [*superabundant*] b) greater or better than others of its kind [*supermarket*] 3 additional [*supertax*]

**su'per-a-bun'dant adj.** being more than enough —**su'per-a-bun'dance n.**

**su-per-an-nu-at-ed (sōō'pər an'yōō āt'id) adj.** [**< L super, above + annus, year**] 1 too old for service 2 retired, esp. with a pension, because of old age 3 obsolete; old-fashioned

**su-perb (sə pərb', sōō-) adj.** [see SUPER-] 1 noble or majestic 2 rich or magnificent 3 extremely fine; excellent —**su-perb'ly adv.**

**su'per-car'go n., pl. -goes or -gos** an officer on a merchant ship in charge of the cargo

**su'per-charge' vt. -charged', -charg'ing** to increase the power of (an engine), as with a device (**su'per-charge'r**) that forces extra air and fuel into the cylinders

**su-per-cil-i-ous (sōō'pər sil'ē əs) adj.** [**< L super-, above + cilium, eyelid, hence (in allusion to raised eyebrows) haughtiness**] disdainful or contemptuous; haughty

**su'per-con-duc-tiv'i-ty n.** *Physics* the lack of resistance to electrical current in certain metals, etc. when cooled to low temperatures

**su'per-con-duc'tor n.** any material that exhibits superconductivity

**su'per-e'go n., pl. -gos** *Psychoanalysis* that part of the psyche that enforces moral standards

**su'per-er-o-ga'tion (-er'ə gā'shən) n.** [**< L super-, above + erogare, pay out**] a doing more than is needed or expected —**su'per-e-rog'a-to'ry (-i räg'ə tōr'ē) adj.**

**su'per-fi'cial (-fish'əl) adj.** [**< L super-, above + facies, face**] 1 of or being on the surface 2 concerned with and understanding only the obvious; shallow 3 quick and cursory 4 seeming such only at first glance —**su'per-fi'cial'i-ty (-fish'ē al'ə tē), pl. -ties, n.** —

**su'per-fi'cial-ly adv.**

**su-per-flu-ous (sə pər'flō əs, sōō-) adj.** [**< L super-, above + fluere, to flow**] excessive or unnecessary —**su-per-flu-i-ty (sōō'pər flō'ə tē), pl. -ties, n.**

**su'per-he'ro n., pl. -roes** a nearly invincible hero, as in comic books

**su'per-high'way' n.** EXPRESSWAY

**su'per-hu'man adj.** 1 having a nature above that of man; divine 2 greater than that of a normal human being

**su'per-im-pose' vt. -posed', -pos'ing** to put, lay, or stack on top of something else

**su-per-in-tend (sōō'pər in tend') vt.** to act as superintendent of; supervise; manage —**su'per-in-tend'ence or su'per-in-tend'en-cy n.**

**su'per-in-tend'ent (-ten'dənt) n.** [**< LL superintendere, superintend**] 1 a person in charge of a department, institution, etc.; director 2 a person responsible for the maintenance of a building

**su-pe-ri-or (sə pir'ē ər) adj.** [see SUPER-] 1 higher in space, order, rank, etc. 2 greater in quality or value than: with *to* 3 above average in quality; excellent 4 refusing to give in to or be affected by: with *to* 5 showing a feeling of being better than others; haughty —**n.** 1 a superior person or thing 2 the head of a religious community —**su-pe'ri-or'i-ty (-ôr'ə tē) n.**

**Su-pe-ri-or (sə pir'ē ər), Lake** largest of the Great Lakes, between Michigan & Ontario, Canada

**superl abbrev.** superlative

**su-per-la-tive (sə pər'lə tiv, sōō-) adj.** [**< L super-, above + latus, pp. of ferre, to bear, carry**] 1 superior to all others; supreme 2 *Gram.* designating the extreme degree of comparison of adjectives and adverbs —**n.** 1 the highest degree; peak 2 *Gram.* the superlative degree ["finest" is the *superlative* of "fine"] —**su-per-la-tive-ly adv.**

**su'per-ma-jor'i-ty n.** the quantity of votes, above a mere majority, required to pass certain bills, etc.

**su'per-man' (-man') n., pl. -men' (-men')** an apparently superhuman man

**su'per-mar'ket n.** a large, self-service, retail food store or market

**su-per-nal (sōō pər'nəl) adj.** [**< L supernus, upper**] celestial or divine

**su'per-nat'u-ral adj.** not explainable by the known forces or laws of nature; specif., of or involving God, ghosts, spirits, etc.

**su'per-no'va n., pl. -vas or -vae (-vē)** a rare, extremely bright nova

**su-per-nu-mer-ar-y (sōō'pər nōō'mə rer'ē) n., pl. -ies** [**< L super, above + numerus, number**] 1 an extra person or thing 2 *Theater* a person with a small, nonspeaking part

**su'per-pose' vt. -posed', -pos'ing** [see SUPER- & POSE] to place on or above something else —**su'per-pos'a-ble adj.** —**su'per-po-si'tion n.**

**su'per-pow'er n.** an extremely powerful, influential nation



**su'per-sat'u-rate'** *vt.* -rat'ed, -rat'ing to make more highly concentrated than in normal saturation —**su'per-sat'u-ra'tion** *n.*

**su'per-script'** *n.* [see SUPER- & SCRIPT] a figure, letter, or symbol written above and to the side of another

**su-per-sede** (sō'pər sēd') *vt.* -sed'ed, -sed'ing [L *supersedere*, sit over] to replace or succeed

**su'per-son'ic** *adj.* [SUPER- + SONIC] 1 designating, of, or moving at a speed greater than that of sound 2 ULTRA-SONIC

**su'per-star'** *n.* a star performer, as in sports or entertainment

**su-per-sti-tion** (sō'pər stish'an) *n.* [L *superstitio*, lit., a standing (in awe) over] 1 any belief that is inconsistent with known facts or rational thought, esp. such a belief in omens, the supernatural, etc. 2 any action or practice based on such a belief —**su'per-sti'tious** *adj.*

**su'per-store'** *n.* a very large retail store with a wide variety of goods

**su'per-struc-ture** *n.* 1 a structure built on top of another 2 that part of a building above the foundation 3 that part of a ship above the main deck

**su'per-tank'er** *n.* an extremely large tanker, of 300,000 tons or more

**su-per-vene** (sō'pər vĕn') *vi.* -vened', -ven'ing [L *super-*, over + *venire*, come] to come or happen as something extraneous or unexpected

**su-per-vise** (sō'pər vīz') *vt., vi.* -vised', -vis'ing [L *super-*, over + *videre*, see] to oversee or direct (work, workers, etc.) —**su'per-vi'sion** (-vīzh'an) *n.* —**su'per-vi'sor** *n.* —**su'per-vi'so-ry** *adj.*

**su-pine** (sō pīn') *adj.* [L *supinus*] 1 lying on the back, face upward 2 inactive; sluggish; listless

**supp** or **suppl** *abbrev.* 1 supplement 2 supplementary

**sup-per** (sup'ər) *n.* [see SUP] an evening meal

**supper club** an expensive nightclub

**sup-plant** (sə plant') *vt.* [L *sub-*, under + *planta*, sole of the foot] 1 to take the place of, esp. by force or plotting 2 to remove in order to replace with something else

**sup-ple** (sup'əl) *adj.* -pler, -plest [L *supplex*, submissive] 1 easily bent; flexible 2 lithe; limber 3 adaptable

**sup-ple-ment** (sup'lə mənt; *for v., -ment'*) *n.* [see SUPPLY] 1 something added, esp. to make up for a lack 2 a section of additional material in a book, newspaper, etc. —*vt.* to provide a supplement to —**sup'ple-men'tal** or **sup'ple-men'ta-ry** *adj.*

**sup-pli-ant** (sup'lē ənt) *n.* one who supplicates —*adj.* supplicating

**sup'pli-cant** (-lə kənt) *adj., n.* SUPPLIANT

**sup-pli-cate** (sup'lə kāt') *vt., vi.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing [L *sub-*, under + *plicare*, to fold] 1 to ask for (something) humbly 2 to make a humble request (of) —

**sup'pli-ca'tion** *n.*

**sup-ply** (sə plī') *vt.* -plied', -ply'ing [L *sub-*, under + *plere*, fill] 1 to furnish or provide (what is needed) to (someone) 2 to compensate for (a deficiency, etc.); make good —*n., pl.* -plies' 1 the amount available for use or sale; stock 2 [*pl.*] needed materials, provisions, etc. —**sup-pli'er** *n.*

**sup-ply'-side'** *adj.* designating or of an economic theory that an increase in money for investment, as supplied by lowering taxes, will stimulate economic growth

**sup-port** (sə pōrt') *vt.* [L *sub-*, under + *portare*, carry] 1 to carry the weight of; hold up 2 to encourage; help 3 to advocate; uphold 4 to maintain (a person, institution, etc.) with money or subsistence 5 to help prove, vindicate, etc. 6 to bear; endure 7 to keep up; maintain 8 to have a role subordinate to (a star) in a play —*n.* 1 a supporting or being supported 2 a person or thing that supports 3 a means of maintaining a livelihood —**sup-port'a-ble** *adj.* —**sup-port'er** *n.*

**sup-port'ive** *adj.* giving support or help

**sup-pose** (sə pōz') *vt.* -posed', -pos'ing [L *sub-*, under + *ponere*, put] 1 to assume to be true, as for argument's sake 2 to believe, think, etc. 3 to consider as a possibility [*suppose I go*] 4 to expect [*I'm supposed to sing*] —*vi.* to conjecture —**sup-posed'** *adj.* —**sup-pos'ed-ly** *adv.*

**sup-po-si-tion** (sup'ə zish'an) *n.* 1 a supposing 2 something supposed

**sup-pos-i-to-ry** (sə pāz'ə tōr'ē) *n., pl.* -ries [see SUPPOSE] a small piece of medicated substance placed in the rectum or vagina, where it melts

**sup-press** (sə pres') *vt.* [L *sub-*, under + *premere*, to press] 1 to put down by force; quell 2 to keep from being known, published, etc. 3 to keep back; restrain —**sup-pres'sion** (-pres'h'an) *n.*

**sup-pres'sant** (-ənt) *n.* a drug, etc. that tends to suppress an action, condition, etc.

**sup-pu-rate** (sup'yōō rāt') *vi.* -rat'ed, -rat'ing [L *sub-*, under + *pus*, pus] to form or discharge pus

**supra-** [L *supra*, above] *prefix* above, over, beyond

**su-pra-na-tion-al** (sō'prə nash'ə nəl) *adj.* of, for, or above all or a number of nations

**su-prem-a-cist** (sə prem'ə sist, sō-) *n.* one who believes in the supremacy of a particular group

**su-prem'a-cy** (-sē) *n., pl.* -cies supreme condition or power

**su-preme'** (-prēm') *adj.* [L *superus*, that is above] 1 highest in rank, power, etc. 2 highest in quality, achievement, etc. 3 highest in degree 4 final; ultimate —**su-preme'ly** *adv.*

**Supreme Being** God

**Supreme Court** 1 the highest U.S. federal court 2 the highest court in most U.S. states

**Supreme Soviet** 1 a part of the legislature of Russia 2 formerly, the parliament of the U.S.S.R.



**Supt** *abbrev.* Superintendent

**sur-** [*< L super, over*] *prefix* over, upon, above, beyond

**sur-cease** (sər'sēs') *n.* [*< L supersedere, refrain from*] an end, or cessation

**sur-charge** (sər'chärj') *vt.* -charged', -charg'ing [see **SUR-** & **CHARGE**] 1 to overcharge 2 to mark (a postage stamp) with a surcharge —*n.* 1 an additional charge 2 a new valuation printed over the original valuation on a postage stamp

**sur-cin-gle** (sər'sin'gəl) *n.* [*< OFr sur-, over + L cingulum, a belt*] a strap passed around a horse's body to bind on a saddle, pack, etc.

**sure** (shoor) *adj.* sur'er, sur'est [*< L securus*] 1 that will not fail [a sure method] 2 that cannot be doubted or questioned 3 having no doubt; confident [sure of the facts] 4 that can be counted on to be or happen [a sure defeat] 5 certain (to do, be, etc.) [sure to lose] —*adv.* [Inf.] certainly; indeed — for sure certain(ly) —sure enough [Inf.] without doubt —sure'ness *n.*

**sure'fire'** or **sure'-fire'** *adj.* [Inf.] sure to be successful or as expected

**sure'-foot'ed** *adj.* not likely to stumble, slip, fall, or err —sure'-foot'ed-ness *n.*

**sure'ly** *adv.* 1 with confidence 2 without a doubt; certainly

**sur-e-ty** (shoor'ə tē, shoor'tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 something that gives assurance, as against loss, etc. 2 one who takes responsibility for another

**surf** (surf) *n.* [prob. var. of **SOUGH**] the waves of the sea breaking on the shore or a reef —*vi.* to engage in surfing —*vt.* [Inf.] to browse a succession of (TV channels, websites, etc.) on (a TV, computer network, etc.) —surf'er *n.*

**sur-face** (sər'fis) *n.* [*< Fr sur-, over + face, a face*] 1 *a*) the exterior of an object *b*) any of the faces of a solid 2 superficial features or outward appearance —*adj.* 1 of, on, or at the surface 2 external; superficial —*vt.* -faced', -fac'ing to give a surface to, as in paving —*vi.* 1 to rise to the surface of the water 2 to become known

**surf'board'** *n.* a long, narrow board used in the sport of surfing

**surf'-cast'** *vi.* -cast', -cast'ing to fish by casting into the surf from or near the shore

**sur-feit** (sər'fit) *n.* [*< OFr sorfaire, overdo*] 1 too great an amount 2 over-indulgence, esp. in food or drink 3 disgust, nausea, etc. resulting from excess —*vt.* to feed or supply to excess

**surf-ing** (sər'fin) *n.* the sport of riding in toward shore on the crest of a wave, esp. on a surfboard

**surge** (sərj) *n.* [*< L surgere, to rise*] 1 a large wave of water, or its motion 2 a sudden, strong increase, as of power —*vi.* surged, surg'ing 1 to move in or as in a surge 2 to increase suddenly

**sur-geon** (sər'jən) *n.* a doctor who specializes in surgery

**sur-ger-y** (sər'jər ē) *n., pl. -ger-ies* [*< Gr cheir, the hand + ergein, to work*] 1 the treatment of disease, injury, etc. by manual or instrumental operations 2 a

room used for this

**sur'gi-cal** (-ji kəl) *adj.* 1 of surgeons or surgery 2 very accurate, precisely targeted, etc. —sur'gi-cal-ly *adv.*

**sur-gi-cen-ter** (sər'jə sent'ər) *n.* [*< Surgicenter, a service mark*] a facility for performing minor surgery on outpatients

**Su-ri-name** (soor'i nām') country in NE South America: 63,251 sq. mi.; pop. 355,000: formerly Su'ri-nam'

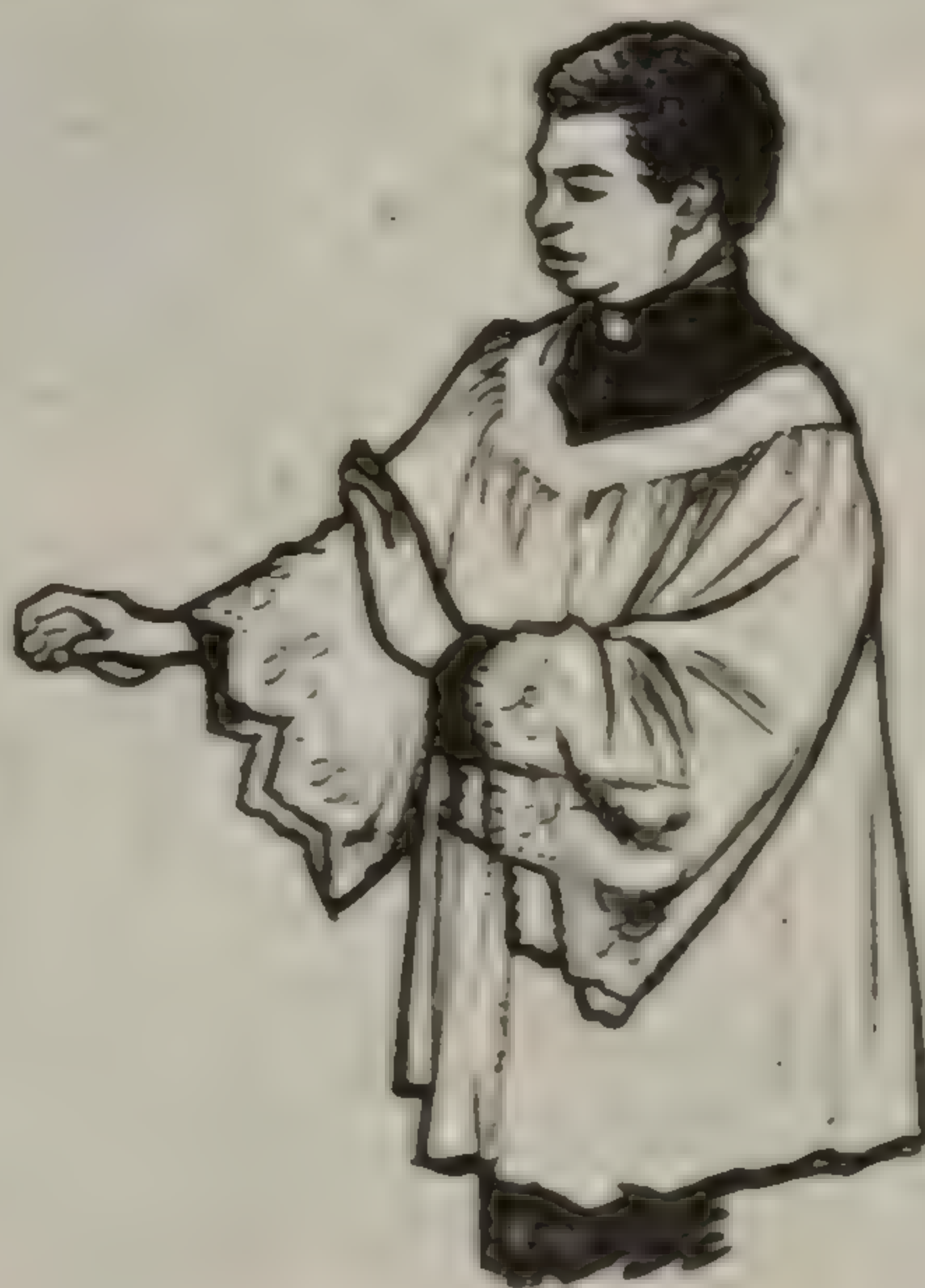
**sur-ly** (sər'lē) *adj.* -li-er, -li-est [earlier sirly, imperious *< sir, sir*] bad-tempered; sullenly rude

**sur-mise** (sər mīz') *n.* [OFr *sur-*, upon + *mettre, put*] a conjecture —*vt., vi.* -mised', -mis'ing to guess

**sur-mount** (sər mount') *vt.* [**SUR-** & **MOUNT**<sup>2</sup>] 1 to overcome (a difficulty) 2 to be at the top of; rise above 3 to climb up and across (a height, etc.) —sur-mount'a-ble *adj.*

**sur-name** (sər'nām') *n.* [*< OFr sur-* (see **SUR-**) + *nom, name*] the family name, or last name

**sur-pass** (sər pas') *vt.* [*< Fr sur-* (see **SUR-**) + *passer, to pass*] 1 to excel or be superior to 2 to go beyond the limit, capacity, etc. of



SURPLICE

**sur-plice** (sər'plis) *n.* [*< L super-, above + pelliceum, fur robe*] a loose, white outer ecclesiastical vestment

**sur-plus** (sər'plus') *n.* [*< OFr sur-, above* (see **SUR-**) + *L plus, more*] a quantity over and above what is needed or used —*adj.* excess; extra

**sur-prise** (sər prīz') *vt.* -prised', -pris'ing [*< OFr sur-* (see **SUR-**) + *prendre, to take*] 1 to come upon suddenly or unexpectedly; take unawares 2 to amaze; astonish —*n.* 1 a being surprised 2 something that surprises

**sur-re-al** (sə rē'al) *adj.* 1 of or like surrealism 2 bizarre; fantastic

**sur-re'al-ism'** *n.* [see **SUR-** & **REAL**] a modern movement in the arts in which the workings of the unconscious are depicted —sur-re'al-is'tic *adj.* —sur-re'al-ist *adj., n.*

**sur-ren-der** (sə ren'dər) *vt.* [*< Fr sur-, up + rendre, render*] 1 to give up possession of; yield to another on compul-



sion 2 to give up or abandon —*vi.* to give oneself up, esp. as a prisoner —*n.* the act of surrendering

**sur·rep·ti·tious** (sər'əp tish'əs) *adj.* [*< L sub-, under + rapere, seize*] done, gotten, acting, etc. in a stealthy way

**sur·rey** (sər'ē) *n., pl. -reys* [after *Surrey*, county in England] a light, four-wheeled carriage with two seats and a flat top

**sur·ro·gate** (sər'ə git, -gāt') *n.* [*< L sub-, in place of + rogare, ask*] 1 a deputy or substitute 2 in some U.S. states, a probate court judge 3 a woman who bears a child for another woman, who will raise it —**sur'ro·ga·cy**, *pl. -cies, n.*

**sur·round** (sə round') *vt.* [*< L super-, over + undare, to rise*] to encircle on all or nearly all sides

**sur·round'ings** *pl.n.* the things, conditions, etc. around a person or thing

**sur·tax** (sər'taks') *n.* an extra tax on top of the regular tax

**sur·veil·lance** (sər vā'ləns) *n.* [*Fr < sur- (see SUR-) + veiller, to watch*] close watch kept over someone, esp. a suspect

**sur·vey** (sər vā'; *for n. sər'vā'*) *vt.* [*< OFr sur- (see SUR-) + veoir, see*] 1 to examine or consider in detail or comprehensively 2 to determine the location, form, or boundaries of (a tract of land) —*n., pl. -veys* 1 a detailed study, as by gathering information and analyzing it 2 a general view 3 *a)* the process of surveying a tract of land *b)* a written description of this —**sur·vey'or** *n.*

**sur·vey'ing** *n.* the science or work of making land surveys

**sur·viv·al·ist** (sər vī'vəl ist) *n.* one who takes measures, as storing food and weapons, to ensure survival after an economic collapse, nuclear war, etc.

**sur·vive** (sər vīv') *vt. -vived', -viv'ing* [*< L super-, above + vivere, to live*] to remain alive or in existence after —*vi.* to continue living or existing —**sur·viv'al** *n.*

**sur·vi'vor** (-ər) *n.* 1 one that survives 2 someone regarded as capable of surviving changing conditions, misfortune, etc.

**sus·cep·ti·ble** (sə sep'tə bəl) *adj.* [*< L sus-, under + capere, take*] easily affected emotionally —**susceptible** of admitting; allowing [testimony *susceptible* of error] —**susceptible** to easily influenced or affected by —**sus·cep'ti·bil'i·ty** *n.*

**su·shi** (sōō'shē) *n.* [*Jpn*] a dish consisting of small cakes of cold rice garnished with raw or cooked fish, vegetables, etc.

**sus·pect** (sə spekt'; *for adj. & n. sus'pekt'*) *vt.* [*< L sus-, under + spicere, to look*] 1 to believe to be guilty on little or no evidence 2 to believe to be bad, wrong, etc.; distrust 3 to guess; surmise —*adj.* suspected —*n.* one suspected of a crime, etc.

**sus·pend** (sə spend') *vt.* [*< L sus-, under + pendere, hang*] 1 to exclude as a penalty from an office, school, etc., for a time 2 to stop temporarily 3 to hold

back (judgment, etc.) 4 to hang by a support from above 5 to hold in place as though hanging [dust particles *suspended* in the air]

**suspended animation** a temporary cessation of the vital functions, resembling death

**sus·pend'ers** *pl.n.* a pair of straps passed over the shoulders to hold up trousers

**sus·pense** (sə spens') *n.* [*< L suspendere, suspend*] 1 a state of uncertainty 2 the growing excitement felt while awaiting a climax of a novel, play, etc. —**sus·pense'ful** *adj.*

**sus·pen·sion** (sə spen'shən) *n.* 1 a suspending or being suspended 2 the system of springs, etc. supporting a vehicle upon its undercarriage or axles 3 a substance whose particles are dispersed through a fluid but not dissolved in it

**suspension bridge** a bridge suspended from cables anchored at either end and supported by towers at intervals

**sus·pi·cion** (sə spish'ən) *n.* [*< L suspicere, suspect*] 1 a suspecting 2 the feeling or state of mind of one who suspects 3 a very small amount; trace —*vt.* [*Inf. or Dial.*] to suspect

**sus·pi'cious** *adj.* 1 arousing suspicion 2 showing or feeling suspicion —**sus·pi'cious·ly** *adv.*

**sus·tain** (sə stān') *vt.* [*< L sus-, under + tenere, to hold*] 1 to keep in existence; maintain or prolong 2 to provide sustenance for 3 to carry the weight of; support 4 to endure; withstand 5 to comfort or encourage 6 to suffer (an injury, loss, etc.) 7 to uphold the validity of 8 to confirm; corroborate

**sus·te·nance** (sus'tə nəns) *n.* 1 a sustaining 2 means of livelihood 3 nourishment; food

**sut·ler** (sut'lər) *n.* [*< 16th-c. Du soeteler*] [Historical] a person following an army to sell things to its soldiers

**su·ture** (sōō'chər) *n.* [*< L suere, sew*] 1 the line of junction of two parts, esp. of bones of the skull 2 *a)* the stitching together of the two edges of a wound or incision *b)* the thread, etc. used or any of the stitches so made

**SUV** *abbrev.* SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE

**su·ze·rain** (sōō'zə rin', -rān') *n.* [*Fr < L sursum, above*] 1 a feudal lord 2 a state in relation to another over which it has some political control

**svelte** (svelt) *adj.* [*Fr*] 1 slender; lithe 2 suave

**Sw** *abbrev.* 1 Sweden 2 Swedish

**SW** *abbrev.* 1 southwest 2 southwestern

**swab** (swäb) *n.* [*< Du zwabben, do dirty work*] 1 a yarn mop 2 a small piece of cotton, etc. used to medicate or cleanse a bodily orifice or a wound —*vt.* **swabbed**, **swab'bing** to use a swab on

**swad·dle** (swäd'əl) *vt. -dled, -dling* [*prob. < OE swathian, swathe*] to wrap (a newborn baby) in a blanket or, formerly, in long, narrow bands of cloth (swaddling clothes)

**swag** (swag) *vt.* swagged, **swag'ging** [*see SWAGGER*] to hang in a swag —*n.* 1 a valance, garland, etc. hanging deco-



ratively in a curve 2 [Slang] loot

**swage** (swāj) *n.* a tool for bending or shaping metal

**swag·ger** (swag'ər) *vi.* [prob. < Norw *svagga*, sway] 1 to walk with a bold, arrogant stride 2 to boast or brag loudly —*n.* swaggering walk or manner

**Swa·hi·li** (swä hē'lē) *n.* [< Ar *sawāhil*, the coasts] a Bantu language of E Africa

**swain** (swān) *n.* [< ON *sveinn*, boy] [Archaic] 1 a country youth 2 a lover

**swal·low**<sup>1</sup> (swä'lō) *n.* [OE *swealwe*] a small, swift-flying bird with long, pointed wings and a forked tail

**swal·low**<sup>2</sup> (swä'lō) *vt.* [OE *swelgan*] 1 to pass (food, etc.) from the mouth into the stomach 2 to take in; absorb: often with *up* 3 to retract (words said) 4 to put up with [to swallow insults] 5 to suppress [to swallow one's pride] 6 [Inf.] to accept as true without question —*vi.* to perform the actions of swallowing something, esp. as a result of emotion —*n.* 1 a swallowing 2 the amount swallowed at one time

**swam** (swam) *vi.*, *vt.* *pt.* of SWIM<sup>1</sup> & SWIM<sup>2</sup>

**swa·mi** (swä'mē) *n.*, *pl.* -mis [< Sans *svāmin*, lord] 1 lord; master: title of respect for a Hindu religious teacher 2 a learned man; pundit

**swamp** (swämp, swômp) *n.* [prob. < LowG] a piece of wet, spongy land; marsh; bog —*vt.* 1 to plunge or sink in a swamp, water, etc. 2 to flood as with water 3 to overwhelm [swamped by debts] 4 to sink (a boat) by filling with water —**swamp'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**swan** (swān, swôn) *n.* [OE] a large waterfowl, usually white, with a long, graceful neck

**swank** (swaŋk) [Inf.] *n.* [akin to OE *swancor*, pliant] ostentatious display —*adj.* ostentatiously stylish

**swank'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [Inf.] ostentatiously stylish

**swan's'-down'** *n.* 1 the soft down of the swan, used for trimming clothes, etc. 2 a soft, thick flannel Also sp. **swans'down'**

**swan song** [after the song sung, in ancient fable, by a dying swan] the last act, final creative work, etc. of a person

**swap** (swāp, swôp) [Inf.] *vt.*, *vi.* swapped, swap'ping, *n.* [ME *swappen*, to strike] trade; barter

**sward** (swôrd) *n.* [< OE *sweard*, a skin] grass-covered soil; turf

**swarm** (swôrm) *n.* [OE *swearm*] 1 a large number of bees, led by a queen, leaving a hive to start a new colony 2 a colony of bees in a hive 3 a moving mass, crowd, or throng —*vi.* 1 to fly off in a swarm: said of bees 2 to move, be present, etc. in large numbers 3 to be crowded

**swarth·y** (swôr'thē, -thē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [< OE *sweart*] having a dark complexion

**swash'buck'ler** (-buk'lər) *n.* [< *swash*, to swagger + *buckler*, a shield] a blustering, swaggering fighting man —**swash'buck'ling** *n.*, *adj.*

**swas·ti·ka** (swäs'ti kə) *n.* [< Sans *svasti*, well-being] 1 an ancient design and mystic symbol in the form of a cross with four equal arms, each bent in a right angle 2 this design with the arms bent clockwise, used as an emblem of Nazism and anti-Semitism

**swat** (swät) *vt.* swat'ted, swat'ting [echoic] to hit with a quick, sharp blow —*n.* a quick, sharp blow —**swat'ter** *n.*

**SWAT** (swät) *n.* [S(pecial)·W(eapons) a(nd) T(actics)] a special police unit trained to deal with violence, riots, terrorism, etc.: in full **SWAT team**

**swatch** (swäch) *n.* [orig., a cloth tag or label] a sample piece of cloth, etc.

**swath** (swäth, swôth) *n.* [OE *swäthu*, a track] 1 the width covered with one cut of a scythe or other mowing device 2 a strip, row, etc. that has been mowed

**swathe** (swäth, swäth) *vt.* swathed, swath'ing [OE *swathian*] 1 to wrap up in a long strip of cloth 2 to envelop; enclose

**sway** (swā) *vi.* [< ON *sveigja*, to turn, bend] 1 to swing or move from side to side or to and fro 2 to lean or go to one side —*vt.* 1 to cause to sway 2 to influence —*n.* 1 a swaying or being swayed 2 influence [the sway of passion] —**hold sway** to reign or prevail

**sway'backed'** (-bakt') *adj.* having a sagging spine: said as of some horses

**Swa·zi·land** (swä'zē land') country in SE Africa: 6,705 sq. mi.; pop. 681,000

**swear** (swer) *vi.* swore, sworn, swear'ing [OE *swerian*] 1 to make a solemn declaration with an appeal to God to confirm it 2 to make a solemn promise; vow 3 to use profane language; curse —*vt.* to declare, pledge, or vow on oath —**swear in** to administer an oath to (a person taking office, a witness, etc.) —**swear off** to renounce —**swear out** to obtain (a warrant for arrest) by making a charge under oath —**swear'er** *n.*

**swear'word'** *n.* a profane word or phrase

**sweat** (swet) *vi.*, *vt.* sweat or sweat'ed, sweat'ing [< OE *swat*, sweat] 1 to give forth or cause to give forth a salty moisture through the pores of the skin; perspire 2 to give forth or condense (moisture) on its surface 3 to work hard enough to cause sweating —*n.* 1 the salty liquid given forth in perspiration 2 moisture collected in droplets on a surface 3 a sweating or being sweated 4 a condition of eagerness, anxiety, etc. 5 [*pl.*] clothes worn for exercising, etc.; specif., a sweat suit —**sweat out** [Inf.] 1 to get rid of by sweating [to sweat out a cold] 2 to wait anxiously for or through —**sweat'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**sweat'er** *n.* a knitted or crocheted outer garment for the upper body

**sweat shirt** a heavy, long-sleeved pull-over of cotton jersey worn to absorb sweat during or after exercise, sometimes with matching loose trousers (sweat pants) in an ensemble (sweat suit)



**sweat'shop' n.** a shop where employees work long hours at low wages under poor conditions

**Swed** *abbrev.* 1 Sweden 2 Swedish

**Swede** (swēd) *n.* a person born or living in Sweden

**Swe·den** (swēd'n) *n.* country in N Europe: 173,732 sq. mi.; pop. 8,587,000

**Swed·ish** (swē'dish) *adj.* of Sweden or its people, language, etc. —*n.* the Germanic language of Sweden

**sweep** (swēp) *vt.* **swept**, **sweep'ing** [OE *swapan*] 1 to clean (a floor, etc.) as by brushing with a broom 2 to remove (dirt, etc.) as with a broom 3 to strip, carry away, or destroy with a forceful movement 4 to touch in moving across [*hands sweeping the keyboard*] 5 to pass swiftly over or across 6 *a*) to win all the games of (a series, etc.) *b*) to win overwhelmingly —*vi.* 1 to clean a floor, etc. as with a broom 2 to move steadily with speed or grace 3 to extend in a long curve or line [*a road sweeping up the hill*] —*n.* 1 the act of sweeping 2 a steady sweeping movement 3 range or scope 4 extent, as of land; stretch 5 a line, curve, etc. that seems to flow or move 6 one whose work is sweeping [*a chimney sweep*] —**sweep'er** *n.* —**sweep'ing** *adj.* —**sweep'ing-ly** *adv.*

**sweep'ings** *pl.n.* things swept up, as litter from a floor

**sweep'stakes' n., pl. -stakes'** a lottery in which each participant puts up money in a common fund that is given as the prize to the winner or winners, as determined by the result of a horse race or other contest: also **sweep'stake'**

**sweet** (swēt) *adj.* [OE *swete*] 1 having a taste of, or like that of, sugar 2 *a*) having an agreeable taste, smell, sound, etc. *b*) gratifying *c*) friendly, kind, etc. 3 *a*) not rancid or sour *b*) not salty or salted —*n.* [*pl.*] sweet foods —**sweet'ish** *adj.* —**sweet'ly** *adv.* —**sweet'ness** *n.*

**sweet'bread' (-bred')** *n.* the thymus or sometimes the pancreas of a calf, lamb, etc., when used as food: *usually used in pl.*

**sweet'bri'er** or **sweet'bri'ar** (-brī'ər) *n.* EGLANTINE

**sweet corn** a variety of Indian corn eaten unripe as a table vegetable

**sweet'en** *vt.* 1 to make sweet 2 to make pleasant or agreeable 3 [*Inf.*] to increase the value of (collateral, an offer, etc.)

**sweet'en·er** *n.* a sweetening agent, esp. a synthetic one, as saccharin

**sweet'heart' n.** a loved one; lover

**sweetheart contract** a contract arranged by collusion between union officials and an employer with terms disadvantageous to union members

**sweet'meat' n.** a candy

**sweet pea** a climbing plant with butterfly-shaped flowers

**sweet pepper** 1 a red pepper plant producing a large, mild fruit 2 the fruit

**sweet potato** 1 a tropical plant with a fleshy, brownish root used as a vegetable 2 its root

**sweet'-talk' vt., vi.** [*Inf.*] to talk in a flattering way (to)

**sweet tooth** [*Inf.*] a fondness or craving for sweets

**swell** (swel) *vi., vt.* **swelled**, **swelled** or **swol'len**, **swell'ing** [OE *swellan*] 1 to expand as a result of pressure from within 2 to curve out; bulge 3 to fill (*with* pride, etc.) 4 to increase in size, force, intensity, loudness, etc. —*n.* 1 a part that swells; specif., a large, rolling wave 2 an increase in size, amount, degree, etc. 3 a crescendo —*adj.* [*Slang*] excellent

**swell'head' n.** [*Inf.*] a conceited person —**swell'head'ed** *adj.*

**swell'ing** *n.* 1 an increase in size, volume, etc. 2 a swollen part

**swel·ter** (swel'tər) *vi.* [OE *sweltan*, to die, faint] to feel uncomfortably hot; sweat, feel weak, etc. from great heat

**swel'ter·ing** *adj.* very hot; sultry

**swept** (swept) *vt., vi. pt. & pp.* of SWEEP

**swept'back' adj.** having a backward slant: said of the wings of an aircraft

**swerve** (swərv) *vi., vt.* **swerved**, **swerv'ing** [OE *sweorfan*, to scour] to turn aside from a straight line, course, etc. —*n.* a swerving

**swift** (swift) *adj.* [OE] 1 moving with great speed; fast 2 coming, acting, etc. quickly —*n.* a swift-flying, swallowlike bird —**swift'ly** *adv.* —**swift'ness** *n.*

**Swift** (swift), **Jon·a·than** (jən'ə thən) 1667-1745; Eng. satirist, born in Ireland

**swig** (swig) [*Inf.*] *vt., vi.* **swigged**, **swig'ging** [OE ?] to drink in gulps —*n.* a big gulp, as of liquor

**swill** (swil) *vt., vi.* [OE *swilian*] 1 to drink greedily 2 to feed swill to (pigs, etc.) —*n.* 1 liquid garbage fed to pigs 2 garbage

**swim**<sup>1</sup> (swim) *vi.* **swam**, **swum**, **swim'ming** [OE *swimman*] 1 to move through water by moving arms, legs, fins, etc. 2 to move along smoothly 3 to float on or in a liquid 4 to overflow [*eyes swimming with tears*] —*vt.* to swim in or across —*n.* the act of swimming —*adj.* [*Inf.*] of or for swimming [*swim trunks*] —*in the swim* active in what is popular at the moment —**swim'mer** *n.*

**swim**<sup>2</sup> (swim) *n.* [OE *swima*] a dizzy spell —*vi.* **swam**, **swum**, **swim'ming** 1 to be dizzy 2 to seem to whirl [*the room swam before me*]

**swimming hole** a deep place in a river, creek, etc. used for swimming

**swim'ming-ly** *adv.* easily and with success

**swim'suit' n.** a garment worn for swimming

**swin·dle** (swin'dəl) *vt., vi.* **-dled**, **-dling** [OE *schwindeln*] to defraud (another) of money or property; cheat —*n.* an act of swindling; trick; fraud —**swin'dler** *n.*

**swine** (swīn) *n., pl. swine* [OE *swin*] 1 a pig or hog: usually used collectively 2



a vicious, contemptible person

**swing** (swɪŋ) *vi.* swung, swing'ing [OE *swingan*] 1 to sway or move backward and forward 2 to walk, trot, etc. with relaxed movements 3 to strike (at) 4 to turn, as on a hinge 5 to move in a curve 6 to hang; be suspended 7 [Slang] *a)* to be ultra-fashionable, esp. in seeking pleasure *b)* to engage in casual sexual relations —*vt.* 1 to move, lift, etc. with a sweeping motion 2 to cause to move backward and forward 3 to cause to turn, as on a hinge 4 to cause to move in a curve [*swing the car around*] 5 [Inf.] to cause to come about successfully [*to swing an election*] —*n.* 1 a swinging 2 the arc through which something swings 3 the manner of swinging a golf club, etc. 4 a relaxed motion, as in walking 5 a sweeping blow 6 the course of some activity, etc. 7 rhythm, as of music 8 a seat hanging from ropes, etc. on which one can swing 9 a trip or tour 10 jazz (c. 1935-45) characterized by large bands and written arrangements —*adj.* having decisive power, as in determining an election [*the swing vote*]

**swing'er** *n.* [Slang] a sophisticated, uninhibited, pleasure-seeking person

**swing shift** [Inf.] the evening work shift, commonly from 4:00 P.M. to midnight

**swipe** (swɪp) *n.* [prob. var. of SWEEP] [Inf.] 1 a hard, sweeping blow 2 a sweeping motion —*vt.* swiped, swip'ing 1 [Inf.] to hit with a swipe 2 [Inf.] to pass across or through with a sweeping motion 3 [Slang] to steal

**swirl** (swɜːl) *vi., vt.* [ME (Scot) *swyrl*] to move or cause to move with a whirling motion —*n.* 1 a whirl; eddy 2 a twist; curl —*swirl'y* *adj.*

**swish** (swɪʃ) *vi.* [echoic] 1 to move with a sharp, hissing sound: said as of a cane swung through the air 2 to move with a light, brushing sound: said as of skirts in walking —*vt.* 1 to cause to swish 2 to move (liquid), esp. in the mouth, with a hissing or gurgling sound —*n.* a swishing sound or movement

**Swiss** (swɪs) *adj.* of Switzerland or its people, etc. —*n., pl.* Swiss a person born or living in Switzerland

**Swiss chard** CHARD

**Swiss (cheese)** a hard, pale-yellow cheese with many large holes

**Swiss steak** a thick cut of round steak pounded with flour and braised with vegetables

**switch** (swɪtʃ) *n.* [Early Modern Eng *swits*] 1 a thin, flexible stick used for whipping 2 a separate tress of hair, used as part of a coiffure 3 a device used to open, close, or divert an electric circuit 4 a device used to transfer a train from one track to another 5 a shift; change —*vt.* 1 to whip as with a switch 2 to jerk sharply [*the cow switched its tail*] 3 to shift; change 4 to turn (an electric light, etc.) *on* or *off* 5 to transfer (a train, etc.) to another track 6 [Inf.] to change or exchange —*vi.* to shift —**switch'er** *n.*

**switch'back'** *n.* a road or railroad following a zigzag course up a steep grade

**switch'blade'** (knife) a large jackknife that snaps open when a release button is pressed

**switch'board'** *n.* a panel for controlling a system of electric circuits, as in a telephone exchange

**switch'-hit'ter** *n.* a baseball player who can bat right-handed and left-handed

**Swit-zer-land** (swɪt'sər lənd) country in WC Europe: 15,880 sq. mi.; pop. 6,366,000

**swiv-el** (swɪv'əl) *n.* [< OE *swifan*, to revolve] a coupling device that allows free turning of the parts attached to it —*vi., vt.* -eled or -elled, -el-ing or -el-ling to turn or cause to turn on or as on a swivel or pivot

**swiz-zle stick** (swɪz'əl) [< ?] a small rod for stirring mixed drinks

**swob** (swäb) *n., vt.* swobbed, swob'bing *alt. sp. of* SWAB

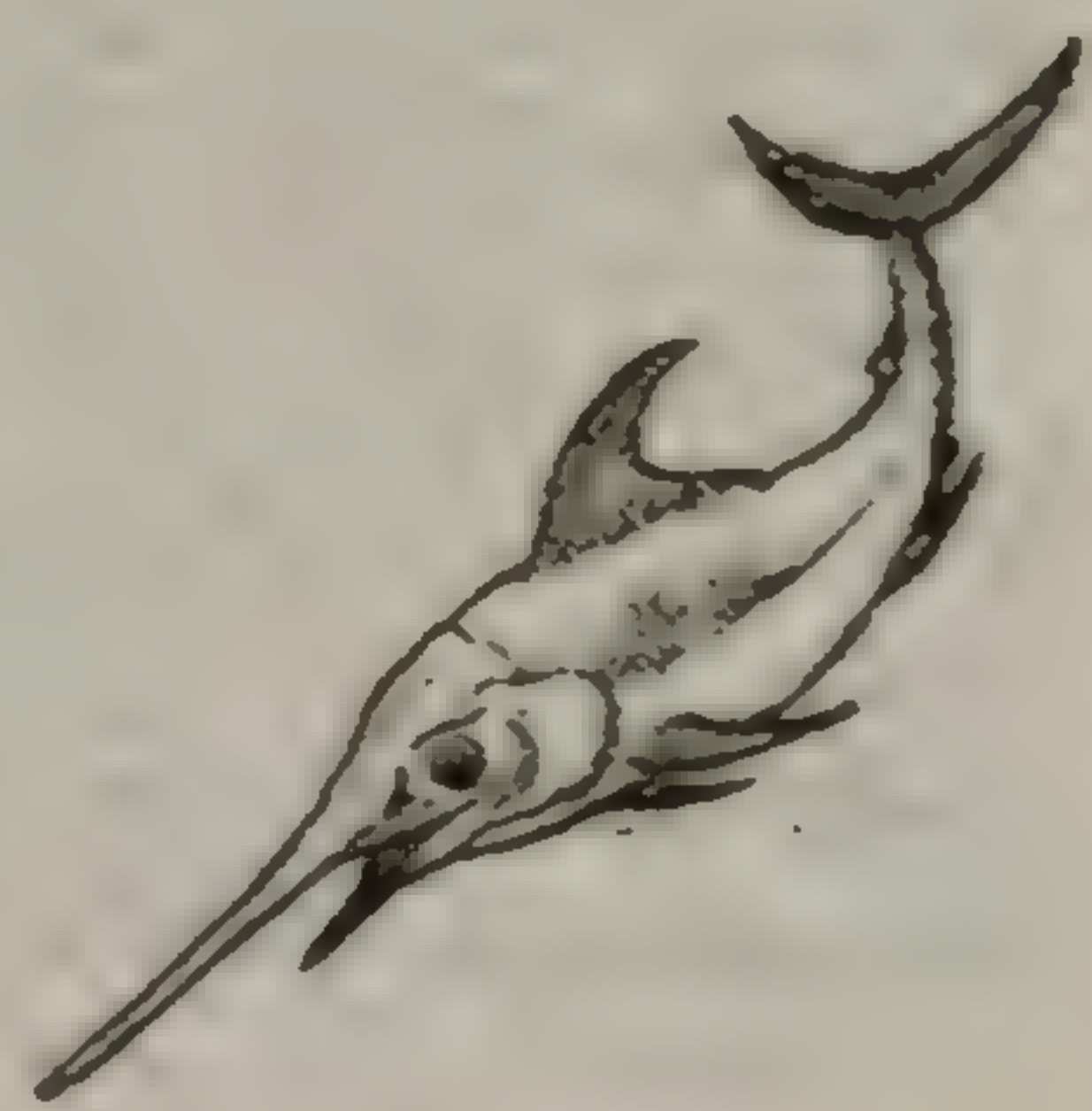
**swol-len** (swöl'an) *vi., vt. alt. pp. of* SWELL —*adj.* blown up; distended; bulging

**swoon** (swōn) *vi., n.* [< OE *geswogen*, unconscious] FAINT

**swoop** (swōp) *vi.* [< OE *swapan*, sweep along] to pounce or sweep (*down* or *upon*), as a bird does in hunting —*n.* the act of swooping

**swop** (swäp) *vt., vi.* swopped, swop'ping, *n.* [Chiefly Brit.] *alt. sp. of* SWAP

**sword** (sôrd) *n.* [OE *sweord*] a hand weapon with a long, sharp-pointed blade set in a hilt —**swords' points** ready to quarrel or fight



SWORDFISH

**sword'fish'** *n., pl.*

-fish' a large marine food fish with an upper jawbone extending in a swordlike point

**sword'play'** *n.* the act or skill of using a sword, as in fencing

**swords-man** (sôrdz'mən) *n., pl. -men* one skilled in using a sword

**swore** (swôr) *vi., vt. pt. of* SWEAR

**sworn** (swôrn) *vi., vt. pp. of* SWEAR —*adj.* bound, pledged, etc. by or as by an oath

**swum** (swum) *vi., vt. pp. of* SWIM<sup>1</sup> & SWIM<sup>2</sup>

**swung** (swun) *vi., vt. pp. & pt. of* SWING

**syb-a-rite** (sɪb'ə rīt') *n.* [after *Sybaris*, ancient Gr city in Italy] anyone very fond of luxury and pleasure —**syb'a-rit'ic** (-rit'ik) *adj.*

**syc-a-more** (sɪk'ə môr') *n.* [< Gr *sykomo-ros*, a fig tree mentioned in the Bible] 1 a maple tree of Europe and Asia 2 an American tree with bark that sheds in patches

**syc-o-phant** (sɪk'ə fənt) *n.* [< Gr *syko-phantēs*, informer] one who seeks favor by flattering people of wealth or influence —**syc'o-phan-cy** *n.*

**Syd-ney** (sɪd'nē) seaport in SE Aus-



tralia: pop. 3,365,000.

**syl·lab·i·cate** (si lab'i kāt') *vt.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing SYLLABIFY —**syl·lab·i·ca'tion** *n.*

**syl·lab·i·fy** (si lab'ə fi') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [ult. < L *syllaba*, syllable + *facere*, make] to form or divide into syllables —**syl·lab·i·fi·ca'tion** *n.*

**syl·la·ble** (sil'ə bəl) *n.* [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *lambanein*, to hold] 1 a word or part of a word pronounced with a single, uninterrupted sounding of the voice 2 one or more letters written to represent a spoken syllable —**syl·lab·ic** (si lab'ik) *adj.*

**syl·la·bus** (sil'ə bəs) *n., pl.* -bus·es or -bi' (-bi') [ult. < Gr *sittybos*, strip of leather] a summary or outline, esp. of a course of study

**syl·lo·gism** (sil'ə jiz'əm) *n.* [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *logizesthai*, to reason] a form of reasoning in which two premises are made and a logical conclusion is drawn from them

**sylph** (silf) *n.* [Mod L *sylyphus*, a spirit] 1 an imaginary being supposed to inhabit the air 2 a slender, graceful woman or girl —**sylph'like** *adj.*

**syl·van** (sil'vən) *adj.* [ < L *silva*, forest] 1 of, characteristic of, or living in the woods or forest 2 covered with trees; wooded

**sym·bi·o·sis** (sim'bī ō'sis, -bē-) *n.* [ < Gr *symbioun*, to live together] the living together of two kinds of organisms to their mutual advantage —**sym·bi·ot'ic** (-āt'ik) *adj.*

**sym·bol** (sim'bəl) *n.* [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *ballein*, to throw] 1 an object used to represent something abstract [the dove is a peace symbol] 2 a mark, letter, etc. standing for an object, quality, quantity, process, etc., as in music or chemistry —**sym·bol'ic** (-bäl'ik) or **sym·bol'i·cal** *adj.* —**sym·bol'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**sym·bol·ism** *n.* 1 representation by symbols 2 a system of symbols 3 symbolic meaning

**sym·bol·ize** *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing 1 to be a symbol of; stand for 2 to represent by a symbol or symbols

**sym·me·try** (sim'ə trē) *n., pl.* -tries [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *metron*, a measure] 1 correspondence of opposite parts in size, shape, and position 2 balance or beauty of form resulting from this —**sym·met·ri·cal** (si me'tri kəl) *adj.* —**sym·met'ri·cal·ly** *adv.*

**sym·pa·thet·ic** (sim'pə thet'ik) *adj.* 1 of, feeling, or showing sympathy 2 in agreement with one's tastes, mood, etc. 3 *Physiology* designating the part of the autonomic nervous system involved esp. in communicating the involuntary response to alarm, as by speeding the heart rate —**sym·pa·thet'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**sym·pa·thize** (-thīz') *vi.* -thized', -thiz'ing 1 to share the feelings or ideas of another 2 to feel or express sympathy —**sym·pa·thiz'er** *n.*

**sym·pa·thy** (-thē) *n., pl.* -thies [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *pathos*, feeling] 1 sameness of feeling 2 mutual liking or understanding 3 a) ability to share

another's ideas, emotions, etc. b) pity or compassion for another's trouble or suffering

**sym·pho·ny** (sim'fə nē) *n., pl.* -nies [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *phōnē*, a sound] 1 harmony of sounds, color, etc. 2 an extended musical composition in several movements, for full orchestra 3 SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 4 [Inf.] a concert by a symphony orchestra —**sym·phon'ic** (-fän'ik) *adj.*

**symphony orchestra** a large orchestra for playing symphonic works

**sym·po·si·um** (sim pō'zē əm) *n., pl.* -si·ums or -si·a (-ə) [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *posis*, a drinking] 1 a conference to discuss a topic 2 a published group of opinions on a topic

**symp·tom** (simp'təm) *n.* [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *piptein*, to fall] any circumstance or condition that indicates the existence of something, as a particular disease —**symp'to·mat'ic** (-tə mat'ik) *adj.*

**syn** *abbrev.* synonym

**syn-** [Gr] *prefix* with, together, at the same time

**syn·a·gogue** (sin'ə gäg', -gôg') *n.* [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *agein*, do] 1 an assembly of Jews for worship and religious study 2 a building or place for such assembly —**syn'a·gog'al** *adj.*

**syn·apse** (sin'aps') *n.* [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *apsis*, a joining] the space between nerve cells through which nerve impulses are transmitted

**sync** or **synch** (sɪŋk) *vi., vt.* synced or synched, **sync'ing** or **synch'ing** *short for* SYNCHRONIZE —*n. short for* SYNCHRONIZATION —*in* (or *out of*) **sync** *in* (or *out of*) synchronization or harmony (*with*)

**syn·chro·nize** (sɪŋ'krə nīz') *vi.* -nized', -niz'ing [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *chronos*, time] to move or occur at the same time or rate —*vt.* to cause to agree in time or rate of speed —**syn'chro·ni·za'tion** *n.*

**syn'chro·nous** *adj.* happening at the same time or at the same rate

**syn·co·pate** (sɪŋ'kə pāt') *vt.* -pat'ed, -pat'ing [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *koptein*, to cut] *Music* to begin a tone on an unaccented beat and continue it through the next accented beat —**syn'co·pa'tion** *n.*

**syn·di·cate** (sin'də kit; *for v.*, -kāt') *n.* [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *dikē*, justice] 1 an association of individuals or corporations formed to carry out a project requiring much capital 2 any group, as of criminals, organized for some undertaking 3 an organization selling articles or features to many newspapers, etc. —*vt.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing 1 to manage as or form into a syndicate 2 a) to sell (an article, etc.) through a syndicate b) to sell (a program, etc.) to a number of radio or TV stations —*vi.* to form a syndicate —**syn'di·ca'tion** *n.*

**syn·drome** (sin'drōm') *n.* [ < Gr *syn-*, with + *dramein*, to run] a set of symptoms characterizing a disease or condition

**syn·er·gism** (sin'ər jiz'əm) *n.* [ < Gr *syn-*, together + *ergon*, work] an interaction of several things that results in a



greater effect than the sum of the things' individual effects: said esp. of drugs —**syn'er-gis'tic** *adj.*

**syn·fu·el** (sin'fyŭəl) *n.* [[SYN(THETIC) + FUEL] a fuel, as oil or gas made from coal, used as a substitute for petroleum or natural gas

**syn·od** (sin'əd) *n.* [[< Gr *syn-*, together + *hodos*, way] 1 an ecclesiastical council 2 a high governing body in certain Christian churches

**syn·o·nym** (sin'ə nim) *n.* [[< Gr *syn-*, together + *onyma*, a name] a word having the same or nearly the same meaning as another in the same language — **syn·on·y·mous** (si nän'ə mäs) *adj.*

**syn·op·sis** (si năp'sis) *n., pl. -ses' (-sēz')* [[< Gr *syn-*, together + *opsis*, a seeing] a brief, general review or condensation; summary

**syn·tax** (sin'taks') *n.* [[< Gr *syn-*, together + *tassein*, arrange] the arrangement of and relationships among words, phrases, and clauses forming sentences — **syn·tac'tic** (-tak'tik) or **syn·tac'ti·cal** *adj.*

**syn·the·sis** (sin'thə sis) *n., pl. -ses' (-sēz')* [[< Gr *syn-*, together + *tithenai*, to place] the combining of parts or elements so as to form a whole, a compound, etc. — **syn'the·size'** (-sīz'), -sized', -siz'ing, *vt.*

**syn'the·siz'er** *n.* an electronic device producing sounds unobtainable from ordinary musical instruments or imitating instruments and voices

**syn·thet'ic** (-thet'ik) *adj.* 1 of or involving synthesis 2 produced by chemical synthesis, rather than of natural origin 3 not real; artificial — *n.* something synthetic — **syn·thet'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**syph·i·lis** (sif'ə lis) *n.* [[after *Syphilus*, hero of a L poem (1530)] a sexually transmitted disease caused by a spiro-

chete — **syph'i·lit'ic** *adj., n.*

**Syr·i·a** (sir'ē ə) country in SW Asia, at the E end of the Mediterranean: 71,498 sq. mi.; pop. 9,046,000 — **Syr'i·an** *adj., n.*

**sy·ringe** (sə rinj', sir'inj) *n.* [[< Gr *syrinx*, a pipe] 1 a device consisting of a tube with a rubber bulb or piston at one end, for drawing in a liquid and then ejecting it in a stream: used to inject fluids into body cavities, etc. 2 HYPODERMIC SYRINGE — *vt.* -ringed', -ring'ing, to cleanse, inject, etc. by using a syringe

**syr·up** (sar'əp, sir'-) *n.* [[< OFr *sirop* < ML *sirupus* < Ar *shqarāb*, a drink] any thick, sweet liquid; specif., a solution of sugar and water boiled together

**syr'up·y** *adj.* 1 like syrup 2 overly sentimental

**sys·tem** (sis'təm) *n.* [[< Gr *syn-*, together + *histanai*, to set] 1 a set or arrangement of things related so as to form a whole [a solar system, a school system] 2 a set of facts, rules, etc. arranged to show a logical plan linking them 3 a method or plan 4 an established, orderly way of doing something 5 the body, or a number of bodily organs, functioning as a unit

**sys'tem·at'ic** (-tə mat'ik) *adj.* 1 constituting or based on a system 2 according to a system; orderly — **sys'tem·at'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

**sys'tem·a·tize'** (-tə mə tīz') *vt.* -tized', -tiz'ing, to arrange according to a system; make systematic — **sys'tem·a·ti·za'tion** *n.*

**sys·tem·ic** (sis tem'ik) *adj.* of or affecting the body as a whole

**sys·to·le** (sis'tə lē') *n.* [[< Gr *syn-*, together + *stellein*, to set up] the usual rhythmic contraction of the heart — **sys·tol'ic** (-tāl'ik) *adj.*

## T

**t<sup>1</sup>** or **T** (tē) *n., pl. t's, T's* the 20th letter of the English alphabet — **to a T** to perfection; exactly

**t<sup>2</sup>** *abbrev.* 1 teaspoon(s) 2 temperature 3 tense 4 ton(s) 5 transitive

**T** *abbrev.* 1 tablespoon(s) 2 temperature 3 Thursday 4 Tuesday

**'t-** *prefix* it: used chiefly in poetry [*'twas*]

**tab<sup>1</sup>** (tab) *n.* [[< ?] 1 a small, flat loop or strap fastened to something 2 a projecting piece as of a file folder, used in filing

**tab<sup>2</sup>** (tab) *n.* [[prob. < TABULATION] [Inf.] 1 a bill, as for expenses 2 total cost — **keep tabs** (or a **tab**) **on** [Inf.] to keep a check on

**Ta·bas·co** (tə bas'kō) *trademark* for a very hot sauce made from a tropical American hot red pepper

**tab·bou·leh** (tə bōō'lē, -le) *n.* [[Ar] a salad of coarsely ground wheat with chopped parsley, tomatoes, scallions, etc.

**tab·by** (tab'ē) *n., pl. -bies* [ult. < Ar] a

domestic cat, esp. a female

**tab·er·nac·le** (tab'ər nak'al) *n.* [[< L *taberna*, hut] 1 a large place of worship 2 [T-] the portable sanctuary carried by the Jews during the Exodus

**tab·la** (täb'lä) *n.* [[< Ar *tabla*, a drum] a set of two small drums whose pitch can be varied, used esp. in India and played with the hands

**ta·ble** (tā'bəl) *n.* [[< L *tabula*, a board] 1 [Obs.] a thin slab of metal, stone, etc. 2 a) a piece of furniture having a flat top set on legs b) such a table set with food c) food served d) the people seated at a table 3 a) a systematic list of details, contents, etc. b) an orderly arrangement of facts, figures, etc. 4 any flat, horizontal surface, piece, etc. — *vt.* -bled, -bling, to postpone indefinitely the consideration of (a legislative bill, etc.) — **at table** at a meal — **turn the tables** to reverse a situation

**tab·leau** (tab'lō', ta blō') *n., pl. -leaux' (-lōz') or -leaus'* [[Fr < OFr, dim. of *table*] a striking, dramatic scene or pic-



ture

**ta'ble-cloth'** *n.* a cloth for covering a table, esp. at meals**ta·ble d'hôte** (tä'bäl döt') [Fr, table of the host] a complete meal served at a restaurant for a set price**ta'ble-hop'** *vi.* -hopped', -hop'ping to leave one's table, as at a restaurant, and visit at other tables**ta'ble-land'** *n.* a plateau**ta'ble-spoon'** *n.* 1 a large spoon for serving or for eating soup 2 a measuring spoon holding  $\frac{1}{2}$  fluid ounce —**ta'ble-spoon'ful**, *pl.* -fuls, *n.***tab·let** (tab'lit) *n.* [see TABLE] 1 a thin, flat piece of stone, metal, etc. with an inscription 2 a writing pad of paper sheets glued together at one edge 3 a small, flat piece of compressed material, as of medicine**table tennis** a game somewhat like tennis, played on a table with a small, hollow celluloid ball**ta'ble-ware'** (-wer') *n.* dishes, glassware, silverware, etc. for use at a meal**tab·loid** (tab'loid') *n.* [TABL(ET) + -OID] a newspaper, usually half size, with many pictures and short, often sensational, news stories**ta·boo** (tä böö', ta-) *n.* [ < a Polynesian language] 1 among some Polynesian peoples, a sacred prohibition making certain people or things untouchable, etc. 2 any conventional social restriction —*adj.* prohibited by taboo —*vt.* -booed', -boo'ing 1 to put under taboo 2 to prohibit or forbid Also **ta·bu'****ta·bou·li** (tä böö'lē) *n.* *var.* of TABBOULEH**tab·u·lar** (tab'yä lar) *adj.* [see TABLE] 1 flat 2 of, arranged in, or computed from a table or list**tab'u·late'** (-lät') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing to put (facts, statistics, etc.) in a table —**tab'u·la'tion** *n.* —**tab'u·la'tor** *n.***ta·chom·e·ter** (tä käm'ät är) *n.* [ < Gr *tachos*, speed + -METER] a device that measures the rate of rotation of a revolving shaft**tach·y·car·di·a** (tak'i kär'dē ə) *n.* [ < Gr *tachys*, swift + *kardia*, heart] an abnormally fast heartbeat**tac·it** (tas'it) *adj.* [ < L *tacere*, be silent] 1 unspoken 2 not expressed openly, but implied or understood —**tac'it·ly** *adv.* —**tac'it·ness** *n.***tac·i·turn** (tas'ə turn') *adj.* [see prec.] almost always silent; not liking to talk —**tac'i·tur'ni·ty** *n.***tack** (tak) *n.* [ < MDu *tacke*, twig, point] 1 a short nail or pin with a sharp point and a large, flat head 2 a temporary stitch 3 a course of action 4 *a*) the direction a ship goes in relation to the position of the sails *b*) a change of a ship's direction —*vt.* 1 to fasten with tacks 2 to attach or add 3 to change the course of (a ship) —*vi.* to change course suddenly**tack·le** (tak'al) *n.* [ < MDu *takel*] 1 equipment; gear 2 a system of ropes and pulleys for moving weights 3 a tackling, as in football 4 *Football* a lineman next to the end —*vt.* **tack'led**,**tack'ling** 1 to take hold of; seize 2 to try to do; undertake 3 *Football* to throw (the ball carrier) to the ground —**tack'ler** *n.***tack·y** (tak'ē) *adj.* -i·er, -i·est 1 sticky: said as of drying varnish 2 dowdy or shabby 3 in poor taste —**tack'i·ness** *n.***ta·co** (tä'kō) *n.*, *pl.* -cos [Sp, light lunch] a fried tortilla filled with chopped meat, lettuce, etc.**Ta·co·ma** (tä kō'mə) seaport in W Washington: pop. 177,000**tact** (takt) *n.* [ < L *tangere*, to touch] delicate perception of the right thing to say or do without offending —**tact'ful** *adj.* —**tact'less** *adj.***tac·tics** (tak'tiks) *pl.n.* [ < Gr *tassein*, arrange] 1 [with *sing. v.*] the science of maneuvering military and naval forces 2 any skillful methods to gain an end —**tac'ti·cal** *adj.* —**tac'ti'cian** (-tish'an) *n.***tac·tile** (tak'təl) *adj.* [ < L *tangere*, to touch] of, having, or perceived by the sense of touch**tad** (tad) *n.* [prob. < TADPOLE] a small amount or degree: often used adverbially [*a tad* tired]**tad·pole** (tad'pōl') *n.* [ME *tadde*, toad + *poll*, head] the larva of a frog or toad, having gills and a tail and living in water**taf·fe·ta** (taf'i tə) *n.* [ < Pers *tāftan*, to weave] a fine, stiff fabric of silk, nylon, etc., with a sheen**taff·rail** (taf'rāl') *n.* [ < Du] the rail around the stern of a ship**taf·fy** (taf'ē) *n.* [ < ?] a chewy candy made of sugar or molasses**Taft** (taft), **Wil·liam How·ard** (wil'yəm hou'ərd) 1857-1930; 27th president of the U.S. (1909-13): chief justice of the U.S. (1921-30)**tag** (tag) *n.* [prob. < Scand] 1 a hanging end or part 2 a hard-tipped end on a cord or lace 3 a card, etc. attached as a label 4 an epithet 5 ending for a story, etc. 6 **TAG LINE** 7 a children's game in which one player chases the others with the object of touching one of them —*vt.* **tagged**, **tag'ging** 1 to provide with a tag; label 2 to choose or select 3 to touch in playing tag 4 [Inf.] to strike or hit hard —*vi.* [Inf.] to follow closely: with *along*, *after*, etc. —**tag'ger** *n.***Ta·ga·log** (tä gä'lōg') *n.* 1 *pl.* -logs' or -log' a member of the ethnic group native to the Manila region in the Philippines 2 the language of this group, an official language of the Republic of the Philippines**tag line** the last line or lines of a speech, etc.**Ta·hi·ti** (tä hēt'ē) French island in the S Pacific —**Ta·hi'ti·an** (-hēsh'an) *adj.*, *n.***Tai** (tī) *n.* 1 a group of languages spoken in central and SE Asia 2 a member of a group of peoples of SE Asia that speak these languages —*adj.* of these languages or peoples**tai chi** (tī'jē', tī chē') [Mandarin] a Chinese exercise system consisting of a series of slow, relaxed movements: in full **t'ai chi ch'uan** (chwän)**tai·ga** (tī'gə) *n.* [Russ] a type of plant community in the far north, having



scattered trees

**tail** (tāl) *n.* [OE *tægel*] 1 the rear end of an animal's body, esp. when a distinct appendage 2 anything like an animal's tail in form or position 3 the hind, bottom, last, or inferior part of anything 4 [often *pl.*] the reverse side of a coin 5 [*pl.*] full-dress attire for men 6 [Inf.] one that follows another, esp. in surveillance —*adj.* 1 at the rear or end 2 from the rear [a *tail* wind] —*vt.* [Slang] to follow stealthily —*vi.* [Inf.] to follow close behind —**turn tail** to run from danger or difficulty

**tail'back'** *n.* Football the offensive back farthest from the line

**tail'bone'** *n.* COCCYX

**tail end** 1 the rear of anything 2 the concluding part

**tail fin** 1 a fin that forms the tail of a fish, etc. 2 a finlike projection at the rear of a rocket, car, etc.

**tail'gate'** *n.* the hinged or removable gate at the back of a wagon, truck, etc. —*vi.*, *vt.* -**gated**, -**gating** to drive too closely behind (another vehicle) — **tail'gater** *n.*

**tail'ings** *pl.n.* waste or refuse left in various processes of milling, mining, etc.

**tail'light'** *n.* a light, usually red, at the rear of a vehicle to warn vehicles coming from behind

**tail'lor** (tāl'lər) *n.* [ < VL *taliare*, to cut] one who makes, repairs, or alters clothes —*vt.* 1 to make by tailor's work 2 to form, alter, etc. for a certain purpose

**tail'pipe'** *n.* the exhaust pipe coming from the muffler of a motor vehicle

**tail'spin'** *n.* SPIN (*n.* 3)

**taint** (tānt) *vt.* [ < ?] 1 to affect with something injurious, unpleasant, etc.; infect, spoil, etc. 2 to make morally corrupt —*n.* a trace of contamination, corruption, etc.

**Tai'pei** (tī'pā') capital of Taiwan: pop. 2,108,000

**Tai'wan** (tī'wān') island province of China, off the SE coast: together with nearby islands it forms the *Republic of China*: 13,970 sq. mi.; pop. 21,000,000

**Ta'jik-i'stan** (tä jik'i stan') country in WC Asia: formerly a republic of the U.S.S.R.: 55,240 sq. mi.; pop. 5,093,000

**take** (tāk) *vt.* took, tak'en, tak'ing [ < ON *taka*] 1 to get possession of; capture, seize, etc. 2 to get hold of 3 to capture the fancy of; charm 4 to obtain, acquire, assume, etc. 5 to use, consume, etc. 6 to buy, rent, subscribe to, etc. 7 to join with (one side in a disagreement, etc.) 8 to choose; select 9 to travel by [to *take* a bus] 10 to deal with; consider 11 to occupy [take a chair] 12 to require; demand [it *takes* money] 13 to derive (a name, quality, etc.) from 14 to excerpt; extract 15 to study 16 to write down [take notes] 17 to make by photographing 18 to win (a prize, etc.) 19 to undergo [take punishment] 20 to occupy oneself in; enjoy [take a nap] 21 to accept (an offer, bet, etc.) 22 to react to [take a joke in earnest] 23 to contract (a disease, etc.) 24

to understand 25 to suppose; presume 26 to feel [take pity] 27 to lead, escort, etc. 28 to carry 29 to remove, as by stealing 30 to subtract 31 [Slang] to cheat; trick 32 *Gram.* to be used with [the verb "hit" *takes* an object] —*vi.* 1 to take root: said of a plant 2 to catch [the fire *took*] 3 to gain favor, success, etc. 4 to be effective [the vaccination *took*] 5 [Inf. or Dial.] to become (sick) —*n.* 1 a taking 2 *a)* the amount taken *b)* [Slang] receipts or profit —**on the take** [Slang] taking bribes, etc. —**take after** to be, act, or look like —**take back** to retract (something said, etc.) —**take down** to put in writing; record —**take for** 1 to regard as 2 to mistake for —**take in** 1 to admit; receive 2 to make smaller 3 to understand 4 to cheat; trick —**take off** 1 to leave the ground, etc. in flight 2 [Inf.] to start 3 [Inf.] to imitate in a burlesque manner: with *on* —**take on** 1 to acquire; assume 2 to employ 3 to undertake (a task, etc.) —**take over** to assume control or possession of —**take to** 1 to become fond of 2 to go to or withdraw to [to *take to* the hills] —**take up** 1 to make tighter or shorter 2 to become interested in (an occupation, study, etc.) —**tak'er** *n.*

**take'off'** *n.* 1 the act or place of leaving the ground, as in jumping or flight 2 [Inf.] a mocking imitation; caricature

**take'out'** *n.* prepared food bought to be taken away —*adj.* designating or of such food

**take'o'ver** *n.* 1 the usurpation of power in a nation, organization, etc. 2 the assumption of management in acquiring a corporation

**tak'ing** (tāk'in) *adj.* attractive; winning —*n.* 1 the act of one that takes 2 [*pl.*] earnings; profits

**talc** (talk) *n.* [ < Ar *talq*] 1 a soft mineral used to make talcum powder, etc. 2 *short for* TALCUM (POWDER)

**tal'cum** (powder) (tal'kəm) a powder for the body made of purified talc

**tale** (tāl) *n.* [OE *talū*] 1 a story; narrative 2 idle or malicious gossip 3 a fiction; lie

**tale'bear'er** (-ber'ər) *n.* a gossip

**tal'ent** (tal'ənt) *n.* [ < Gr *talanton*, a weight] 1 an ancient unit of weight or money 2 any natural ability or power 3 a superior ability in an art, etc. 4 people, or a person, with talent — **tal'ent-ed** *adj.*

**tal-is-man** (tal'is mən, -iz-) *n.*, *pl.* -mans [ < 5th-c. medieval Gr *telesma*, religious rite] 1 a ring, stone, etc. bearing engraved figures thought to bring good luck, avert evil, etc. 2 a charm

**talk** (tôk) *vi.* [prob. < OE *talian*, reckon] 1 to put ideas into words; speak 2 to express ideas by speech substitutes [talk by signs] 3 to chatter; gossip 4 to confer; consult 5 to confess or inform on someone —*vt.* 1 to use in speaking [to *talk* French] 2 to discuss 3 to put into a specified condition, etc. by talking —*n.* 1 the act of talking 2 conversation 3 a speech 4 a conference 5 gossip 6 the subject of conversation,



gossip, etc. 7 speech; dialect —**talk back** to answer impertinently —**talk down** to to talk patronizingly to, as by simple speech —**talk up** to promote in discussion —**talk'er** *n.*

**talk'a-tive** (-ə tiv) *adj.* talking a great deal; loquacious

**talking book** a recording of a reading of a book, etc. for use esp. by the blind

**talk-ing-to** (tôk'in tōō') *n.* [Inf.] a scolding

**talk show** *Radio, TV* a program in which a host talks with guest celebrities, experts, etc.

**talk'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 talkative 2 containing too much talk, or dialogue

**tall** (tôl) *adj.* [ $\langle$  OE (ge)tæl, swift] 1 higher in stature than the average 2 having a specified height 3 [Inf.] exaggerated [a tall tale] 4 [Inf.] large [a tall drink] —*adv.* in an upright, dignified manner [to stand tall] —**tall'ness** *n.*

**Tal-la-has-see** (tal'ə has'ē) capital of Florida: pop. 125,000

**tal-low** (tal'ō) *n.* [prob.  $\langle$  LowG talg] the solid fat of cattle, sheep, etc., used in candles, soaps, etc.

**tal-ly** (tal'ē) *n., pl. -lies* [ $\langle$  L talea, a stick (notched to keep accounts)] 1 anything used as a record for an account or score 2 an account, score, etc. 3 a tag or label —*vt.* -lied, -ly-ing 1 to put on or as on a tally 2 to add (up) —*vi.* 1 to score a point 2 to agree; correspond

**tal-ly-ho** (tal'ē hō') *interj.* the cry of a hunter on sighting the fox

**Tal-mud** (tāl'mood, tal'məd) *n.* [Heb, learning] the body of early Jewish civil and religious law

**tal-on** (tal'an) *n.* [ $\langle$  L talus, an ankle] the claw of a bird of prey

**tam** (tam) *n.* short for TAM-O'-SHANTER

**ta-ma-le** (tə mǎ'lē) *n.* [ $\langle$  MexSp] spicy minced meat wrapped in a dough of corn meal

**tam-a-rack** (tam'ə rak') *n.* [ $\langle$  AmInd] 1 an American larch tree usually found in swamps 2 its wood

**tam-a-rind** (tam'ə rind') *n.* [ $\langle$  Ar tamr hindī, date of India] 1 a tropical tree with yellow flowers and brown pods 2 its sharp-tasting, edible fruit

**tam-bou-rine** (tam'bə rēn') *n.* [prob.  $\langle$  Ar tanbūr, stringed instrument] a shallow, single-headed hand drum with jingling metal disks in the rim: played by shaking, hitting, etc.

**tame** (tām) *adj.* tam'er, tam'est [OE tam] 1 changed from a wild state and trained for human use 2 gentle; docile 3 without spirit or force; dull —*vt.* tamed, tam'ing 1 to make tame 2 to make gentle; subdue —**tam'a-ble** or **tame'a-ble** *adj.* —**tame'ly** *adv.* —**tame'ness** *n.* —**tam'er** *n.*

**Tam-il** (tam'al) *n.* the language of the Tamils, a people of S India and N Sri Lanka

**tam-o'-shan-ter** (tam'ə shan'tər) *n.* [ $\langle$

title character of Robert Burns's poem] a Scottish cap with a round, flat top

**tamp** (tamp) *vt.* [ $\langle$  ? Fr tampon, a plug] to pack firmly or pound (down) by a series of blows or taps

**Tam-pa** (tam'pə) seaport in WC Florida, on the Gulf of Mexico: pop. 280,000

**tam-per** (tam'pər) *vi.* [ $\langle$  TEMPER] 1 to make secret, illegal arrangements (with) 2 to interfere (with) or meddle (with)

**tam-pon** (tam'pän') *n.* [Fr] a plug of cotton, etc. put into a body cavity, etc., as to stop bleeding

**tan** (tan) *n.* [ $\langle$  ML tanum, a bark used to tan hides] 1 a yellowish-brown color 2 a darkening of the skin as by exposure to the sun, etc. —*adj.* tan'ner, tan'nest yellowish-brown —*vt.* tanned, tan'ning 1 to change (hide) into leather by soaking in tannin 2 to produce a suntan in 3 [Inf.] to whip severely —*vi.* to become tanned

**tan-a-ger** (tan'ə jər) *n.* [ $\langle$  AmInd (Brazil) tangara] any of various small, American songbirds: the males usually are brightly colored

**tan-bark** (tan'bark') *n.* any bark containing tannin, used to tan hides, etc.

**tan-dem** (tan'dəm) *adv.* [ $\langle$  punning use of L tandem, at length] one behind another; in single file —*n.* teamwork between two persons, etc. [to work in tandem]

**tang** (tan) *n.* [ $\langle$  ON tangi, a sting] 1 a prong on a file, etc., that fits into the handle 2 a strong, penetrating taste or odor —**tang'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**tan-ge-lo** (tan'jə lō') *n., pl. -los'* [TANG(ERINE) + (pom)elo, grapefruit] a fruit produced by crossing a tangerine with a grapefruit

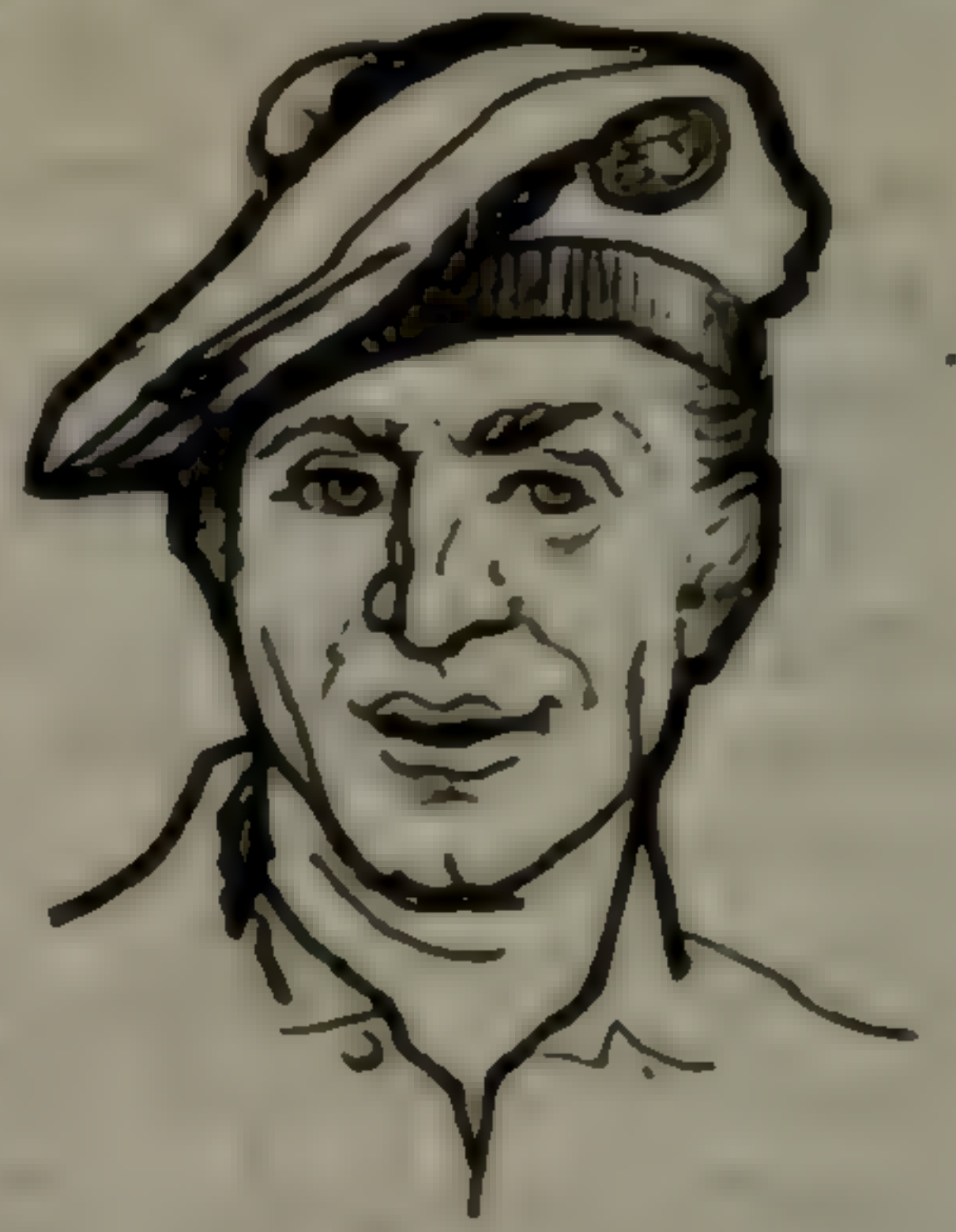
**tan-gent** (tan'jənt) *adj.* [ $\langle$  L tangere, to touch] 1 touching 2 Geom. touching a curved surface at one point but not intersecting it —*n.* a tangent line, curve, or surface —**go off at (or on) a tangent** to change suddenly to another line of action, etc. —**tan-gen'tial** (-jən'shəl) *adj.*

**tan-ge-rine** (tan'jə rēn') *n.* [after Tangier, city in N Africa] a small, loose-skinned, reddish-yellow orange with easily separated segments

**tan-gi-ble** (tan'jə bəl) *adj.* [ $\langle$  L tangere, to touch] 1 that can be touched or felt 2 definite; objective —*n.* [pl.] assets having real substance and able to be appraised for value —**tan-gi-bil'i-ty** *n.*

**tan-gle** (tan'gəl) *vt.* -gled, -gling [ $\langle$  ? Swed] 1 to catch as in a snare; trap 2 to make a snarl of; intertwine —*vi.* 1 to become tangled 2 [Inf.] to argue —*n.* 1 an intertwined, confused mass 2 a confused condition or state

**tan-go** (tan'gō) *n., pl. -gos* [AmSp] 1 a



TAM-O'-SHANTER



South American dance for couples with long gliding steps and dips 2 music for this dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time —*vi.* to dance the tango

**tank** (tɒŋk) *n.* [in sense 1 < Sans] 1 any large container for liquid or gas 2 an armored combat vehicle with tractor treads —*vi.* [Slang] to fail

**tank·ard** (təŋ'kɑrd) *n.* [< OFr *tanquart*] a large drinking cup with a handle

**tank·er** (təŋ'kər) *n.* 1 a ship equipped to transport oil or other liquids 2 a plane designed to carry liquids, as for refueling another plane in flight 3 a truck, etc. equipped to transport liquids or dry commodities in bulk

**tank top** [orig. worn in swimming tanks] a sleeveless casual shirt with shoulder straps

**tank truck** a motor truck built to transport gasoline, oil, etc.

**tan·ner** (tə'nər) *n.* a person whose work is making leather by tanning hides

**tan'ner·y** *n., pl. -ner-ies* a place where leather is made by tanning hides

**tan·nic acid** (tə'nik) a yellowish, astringent substance used in tanning hides, dyeing, etc.

**tan'nin** (-in) *n.* [< *tan*, TAN + *-in*, *-INE*<sup>3</sup>] any of a group of compounds, as tannic acid, that convert hide into leather

**tan·sy** (tə'zē) *n., pl. -sies* [< LL *tanacetum*] a plant with a strong smell and small, yellow flowers

**tan·ta·lize** (tə'tə līz') *vt.* '-lized', '-liz'ing [after *Tantalus*, in Gr myth, a king doomed in Hades to stand in water that always recedes when he wishes to drink and under fruit he cannot reach] to promise or show something desirable and then withhold it; tease

**tan·ta·mount** (tə'tə maunt') *adj.* [< OFr *tant*, so much + *amont*, upward] equal (to) in value, effect, etc.

**tan·tra** (tə'n'trə, tə'n'-) *n.* [Sans] [often T-] a form of yoga teaching attainment of ecstasy —**tan'tric** *adj.*

**tan·trum** (tə'n'trəm) *n.* [< ?] a violent, willful outburst of rage, etc.

**Tan·za·ni·a** (tə'zə nə'ə) country in E Africa: 364,881 sq. mi.; pop. 23,174,000 —**Tan'za·ni'an** *adj., n.*

**Tao·ism** (dəu'izəm, təu'-) *n.* [Chin *tao*, the way] a Chinese religion and philosophy advocating simplicity, selflessness, etc. —**Tao'ist** *n., adj.*

**tap**<sup>1</sup> (təp) *vt., vi.* **tapped**, **tap'ping** [echoic] 1 to strike lightly 2 to make or do by tapping [to *tap* a message] 3 to choose, as for membership in a club — *n.* a light, rapid blow

**tap**<sup>2</sup> (təp) *n.* [OE *tæppa*] 1 a faucet or spigot 2 a plug, cork, etc. for stopping a hole in a cask, etc. 3 a tool used to cut threads inside a nut, pipe, etc. 4 the act or an instance of wiretapping 5 *Elec.* a place in a circuit where a con-

nection can be made —*vt.* **tapped**, **tap'ping** 1 to put a tap or spigot on 2 to make a hole in, or pull the plug from, for drawing off liquid 3 to draw off (liquid) 4 to make use of [to *tap* new resources] 5 to make a connection with (a pipe, circuit, etc.); specif., to wiretap

**tap dance** a dance done with sharp, loud taps of the foot, toe, or heel at each step —**tap'-dance'**, **-danced'**, **-danc'ing**, *vi.* —**tap'-danc'er** *n.*

**tape** (tāp) *n.* [OE *tæppe*, a fillet] 1 a strong, narrow strip of cloth, paper, etc. used for binding, tying, etc. 2 *short for* MAGNETIC TAPE 3 *short for* TAPE MEASURE —*vt.* **taped**, **tap'ing** 1 to bind, tie, etc. with tape 2 to record on magnetic tape

**tape deck** a component of an audio system, that records and plays back magnetic tapes

**tape measure** a tape with marks in inches, feet, etc. for measuring

**ta·per** (tā'pər) *n.* [OE *tapur*] 1 a slender candle 2 a gradual decrease in width or thickness —*vt., vi.* 1 to decrease gradually in width or thickness 2 to lessen; diminish Often with *off*

**tape recorder** a device for recording on magnetic tape and for playing back what has been recorded

**tap·es·try** (tə'pəs trē) *n., pl. -tries* [< Gr *tapes*, a carpet] a heavy woven cloth with decorative designs and pictures, used as a wall hanging, etc.

**tape'worm** *n.* a long, tapelike flatworm that lives as a parasite in the intestines

**tap·i·o·ca** (tə'pē ō'kə) *n.* [< AmInd (Brazil)] a starchy substance from cassava roots, used for puddings, etc.

**ta·pir** (tā'pər) *n.* [< AmInd (Brazil)] a large, hoglike mammal of tropical America and the Malay Peninsula

**tapped out** [Slang] 1 having no money; broke 2 exhausted or depleted

**tap'room** *n.* BARROOM

**tap'root** *n.* [TAP<sup>2</sup> + ROOT<sup>1</sup>] a main root, growing downward, from which small branch roots spread out

**taps** (təps) *n.* [< TAP<sup>1</sup>, because orig. a drum signal] [*with sing. or pl. v.*] a bugle call to put out lights in retiring for the night

**tar**<sup>1</sup> (tār) *n.* [OE *teru*] a thick, sticky, black liquid formed when hot coal, wood, etc. decomposes in the absence of air —*vt.* **tarred**, **tar'ring** to cover or smear with tar —**tar'ry**, **-ri·er**, **-ri·est**, *adj.*

**tar**<sup>2</sup> (tār) *n.* [< TAR(PAULIN)] [Inf.] a sailor

**ta·ran·tu·la** (tə ran'choo lə) *n.* [after *Taranto*, city in S Italy] any of several large, hairy, somewhat poisonous spiders of S Europe and tropical America





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**tar·dy** (tär'dē) *adj.* -di·er, -di·est [*< L tardus, slow*] 1 slow in moving, acting, etc. 2 late, delayed, etc. —**tar'di·ly** *adv.* —**tar'di·ness** *n.*

**tare**<sup>1</sup> (ter) *n.* [*ME*] 1 any of various vetches 2 *Bible* an undesirable weed

**tare**<sup>2</sup> (ter) *n.* [*< Ar tarāḥa, to reject*] the weight of a container, etc. deducted from the total weight to determine the weight of the contents or load

**tar·get** (tär'git) *n.* [*< medieval Fr targe, a shield*] 1 a board, etc. marked as with concentric circles, aimed at in archery, rifle practice, etc. 2 any object that is shot at 3 an objective; goal 4 an object of attack, criticism, etc. —*vt.* to establish as a target, goal, etc.

**tar·iff** (tar'if) *n.* [*< Ar tarīf, information*] 1 a list or system of taxes upon exports or, esp., imports 2 such a tax, or its rate 3 a list or scale of prices, charges, etc. 4 [*Inf.*] any bill, charge, etc.

**tar·mac** (tär'mak') *n.* [*ult. < TAR<sup>1</sup> + MAC(ADAM)*] [*Chiefly Brit.*] an airport runway or apron

**tar·nish** (tär'nish) *vt.* [*< Fr ternir, make dim*] 1 to dull the luster of 2 to sully or mar —*vi.* 1 to lose luster 2 to become sullied —*n.* 1 dullness 2 a stain —**tar'nish·a·ble** *adj.*

**ta·ro** (ter'ō, tär'ō) *n., pl. -ros* [*< a Polynesian language*] a tropical Asiatic plant with a starchy, edible root

**tar·ot** (tar'ō, -ət; ta rō') *n.* [*Fr < Ar tarāḥa, to reject*] [*often T-*] any of a set of 22 cards with pictures, used in fortunetelling

**tarp** (tärp) *n.* [*Inf.*] *short for* TARPAULIN

**tar·pau·lin** (tär pō'lin, tär'pə-) *n.* [*< TAR<sup>1</sup> + PALL<sup>2</sup>, a covering*] 1 canvas coated with a waterproofing compound 2 a sheet of this

**tar·pon** (tär'pən) *n.* [*< ?*] a large, silvery game fish of the W Atlantic

**tar·ra·gon** (tar'ə gän') *n.* [*< Sp < Ar < Gr drakōn, a dragon*] an Old World plant with fragrant leaves used for seasoning

**tar·ry** (tar'ē) *vi.* -ried, -ry·ing [*< OE tergan, to vex & prob. OFr targer, to delay*] 1 to delay; linger 2 to stay for a time 3 to wait

**tart**<sup>1</sup> (tärt) *adj.* [*OE teart*] 1 sharp in taste; sour; acid 2 sharp in meaning; cutting [*a tart answer*] —**tart'ly** *adv.* —**tart'ness** *n.*

**tart**<sup>2</sup> (tärt) *n.* [*< OFr tarte*] a small pas-

try shell filled with jam, jelly, etc.

**tart**<sup>3</sup> (tärt) *n.* [*< prec., orig., slang term of endearment*] [*Inf.*] a prostitute

**tar·tan** (tärt'n) *n.* [*prob. < medieval Fr tiretaine, a cloth of mixed fibers*] a woolen cloth in any of various woven plaid patterns, worn esp. in the Scottish Highlands

**tar·tar** (tärt'ər) *n.* [*< medieval Gr tartaron*] 1 cream of tartar, esp. the crude form present in grape juice and forming a crustlike deposit in wine casks 2 a hard deposit on the teeth

**Tar·tar** (tärt'ər) *n.* TATAR

**tar·tar sauce** (tärt'ər) [*Fr*] a sauce of mayonnaise with chopped pickles, olives, capers, etc.: also **tar'tare sauce**

**task** (task) *n.* [*ult. < L taxare, to rate*] 1 a piece of work to be done 2 any difficult undertaking —*vt.* to burden; strain —**take to task** to scold

**task force** a group, esp. a military unit, assigned a specific task

**task'mas'ter** *n.* one who assigns tasks to others, esp. when severe

**Tas·ma·ni·a** (taz mā'nē ə) island of Australia, off its SE coast —**Tas·ma'ni·an** *adj., n.*

**tas·sel** (tas'əl) *n.* [*OFr, knob*] 1 an ornamental tuft of threads, etc. hanging loosely from a knob 2 something resembling this, as a tuft of corn silk

**taste** (tāst) *vt.* tast'ed, tast'ing [*< OFr taster*] 1 to test the flavor of by putting a little in one's mouth 2 to detect the flavor of by the sense of taste 3 to eat or drink a small amount of 4 to experience [*to taste success*] —*vi.* to have a specific flavor —*n.* 1 the sense by which flavor is perceived through the taste buds on the tongue 2 the quality so perceived; flavor 3 a small amount tasted as a sample 4 a bit; trace 5 the ability to appreciate what is beautiful, appropriate, etc. 6 a specific preference 7 a liking; inclination —*in bad (or good) taste* in a style showing a bad (or good) sense of beauty; fitness, etc. —**taste'less** *adj.* —**tast'er** *n.*

**taste bud** any of the cells, esp. in the tongue, that are the organs of taste

**taste'ful** *adj.* having or showing good TASTE (*n.* 5) —**taste'ful·ly** *adv.*

**tast·y** (tās'tē) *adj.* -i·er, -i·est that tastes good; flavorful —**tast'i·ness** *n.*

**tat** (tat) *vt.* tat'ted, tat'ting to make by tatting —*vi.* to do tatting

**ta·ta·mi** (tə tā'mē) *n., pl. -mi or -mis* [*Jpn*] a floor mat of rice straw, used traditionally in Japanese homes for sitting on

**Ta·tar** (tät'ər) *n.* 1 a member of any of the E Asian peoples that invaded W Asia and E Europe in the Middle Ages 2 a Turkic language

**tat·ter** (tat'ər) *n.* [*< ON töturr, rags*] 1 a torn and hanging piece, as of a garment 2 [*pl.*] torn, ragged clothes —*vt., vi.* to make or become ragged —**tat'tered** *adj.*

**tat'ter·de·mal'ion** (-di māl'yən) *n.* [*< prec. + ?*] a person in torn, ragged clothes

**tat·ting** (tat'in) *n.* [*prob. < Brit dial. tat,*



to tangle] 1 a fine lace made by looping and knotting thread 2 the act or process of making this

**tat·tle** (tat'əl) *vi.* -tled, -tling [prob. < MDu *tatelen*] 1 to talk idly 2 to reveal others' secrets —*vt.* to reveal (a secret) by gossiping —**tat'tler** *n.*

**tat'tle·tale'** *n.* an informer; a gossip

**tat·too**<sup>1</sup> (ta tōō') *vt.* -tooed', -too'ing [a Polynesian language] to make (permanent designs) on (the skin) by puncturing and inserting indelible color — *n., pl.* -toos' a tattooed design

**tat·too**<sup>2</sup> (ta tōō') *n., pl.* -toos' [Du *tap toe*, tap to (shut): a signal for closing barrooms] 1 a signal on a drum or bugle, summoning military personnel to their quarters at night 2 a drumming, rapping, etc.

**tau** (tau, tō) *n.* the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet (Τ, τ)

**taught** (tôt) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of TEACH*

**taunt** (tônt, tänt) *vt.* [Fr *tant pour tant*, tit for tat] to reproach scornfully or sarcastically; mock —*n.* a scornful or jeering remark

**taupe** (töp) *n.* [Fr < L *talpa*, mole] a dark, brownish gray

**Tau·rus** (tôr'əs) *n.* [L, a bull] the second sign of the zodiac

**taut** (tôt) *adj.* [ME *toght*, tight] 1 tightly stretched, as a rope 2 tense [a taut smile] 3 trim, tidy, etc. —**taut'ly** *adv.* —**taut'ness** *n.*

**tau·tol·o·gy** (tô täl'ə jē) *n., pl.* -gies [Gr < *to auto*, the same + -LOGY] needless repetition of an idea in a different word, phrase, etc.; redundancy — **tau'to·log'i·cal** *adj.*

**tav·ern** (tav'ərn) *n.* [L *taberna*] 1 a saloon; bar 2 an inn

**taw·dry** (tô'drē) *adj.* -dri·er, -dri·est [after *St. Audrey laces*, sold at St. Audrey's fair in Norwich, England] cheap and showy; gaudy

**taw·ny** (tô'nē) *adj.* -ni·er, -ni·est [OFr *tanner*, to tan] brownish-yellow; tan — **taw'ni·ness** *n.*

**tax** (taks) *vt.* [L *taxare*, appraise] 1 to require to pay a tax 2 to assess a tax on (income, purchases, etc.) 3 to put a strain on 4 to accuse; charge —*n.* 1 a compulsory payment of a percentage of income, property value, etc. for the support of a government 2 a heavy demand; burden —**tax'a·ble** *adj.* —**tax'a'tion** *n.*

**tax·i** (tak'sē) *n., pl.* -is short for TAXICAB —*vi.* -ied, -i·ing or -y·ing 1 to go in a taxicab 2 to move along the ground or on the water as after landing: said of an airplane

**tax'i·cab'** *n.* [L *taxi(meter) cab*] an automobile in which passengers are carried for a fare

**tax·i·der·my** (tak'si dur'mē) *n.* [Gr *taxis*, arrangement + *derma*, skin] the art of preparing, stuffing, etc. the skins of animals to make them appear lifelike —**tax'i·der·mist** *n.*

**tax·i·me·ter** (tak'sē mēt'ər) *n.* [Fr, ult. < ML *taxa*, tax + -meter, -METER] an automatic device in taxicabs that registers the fare due

**tax·on·o·my** (tak sän'ə mē) *n., pl.* -mies [Gr *taxis*, arrangement + *nomos*, law] classification, esp. of animals and plants —**tax·on'o·mist** *n.*

**tax'pay'er** *n.* one who pays a tax

**tax shelter** an investment made to reduce one's income tax

**tax·us** (tak'səs) *n.* [ModL] YEW (*n.* 1)

**Tay·lor** (tā'lər), **Zach·a·ry** (zak'ə rē) 1784-1850; U.S. general: 12th president of the U.S. (1849-50)

**TB** (tē'bē') *n.* tuberculosis

**TBA, t.b.a., or tba** *abbrev.* to be announced

**T-ball** (tē'bôl') *n.* a baseball game for young children in which the ball is placed on and struck from a tall TEE (*n.* 1)

**T-bone steak** (tē'bôn') a beefsteak with a T-shaped bone, containing some tenderloin

**tbs or tbsp** *abbrev.* 1 tablespoon(s) 2 tablespoonful(s)

**T cell** any of the lymphocytes affected by the thymus, that regulate immunity, reject foreign tissue, etc.: cf. B CELL

**Tchai·kov·sky** (chī kôf'skē), **Peter** 1840-93; Russ. composer

**TD** *abbrev.* touchdown: sometimes **td**

**tea** (tē) *n.* [Chin dial. *t'e*] 1 an evergreen plant grown in Asia 2 its dried leaves, used to make a beverage 3 the beverage made by soaking such leaves in boiling water 4 a tealike beverage made from other plants or from a meat extract 5 [Chiefly Brit.] a meal in the late afternoon at which tea is the drink 6 an afternoon party at which tea, etc. is served

**tea·ber·ry** (tē'ber'ē) *n., pl.* -ries 1 WINTERGREEN (sense 1) 2 the berry of the wintergreen

**teach** (tēch) *vt.* taught, teach'ing [OE *tæcan*] 1 to show or help (a person) to learn (*how*) to do something 2 to give lessons to (a student, etc.) 3 to give lessons in (a subject) 4 to provide with knowledge, insight, etc. —*vi.* to give lessons or instruction —**teach'a·ble** *adj.*

**teach'er** *n.* one who teaches, esp. as a profession

**teach'ing** *n.* 1 the profession of a teacher 2 something taught; precept, doctrine, etc.: *usually used in pl.*

**tea'cup'** *n.* a cup for drinking tea, etc. — **tea'cup·ful', pl.** -fuls', *n.*

**teak** (tēk) *n.* [Malayalam *tēkka*] 1 a tall tree of SE Asia, with hard, yellowish-brown wood 2 its wood: also **teak'wood'**

**tea'ket'tle** *n.* a kettle with a spout, for boiling water to make tea, etc.

**teal** (tēl) *n.* [ME *tele*] 1 a small, short-necked, freshwater wild duck 2 a dark grayish or greenish blue: also **teal blue**

**team** (tēm) *n.* [OE, offspring] 1 two or more horses, oxen, etc. harnessed to the same plow, etc. 2 a group of people working or playing together —*vi.* to join in cooperative activity: often with *up* — *adj.* of or done by a team

**team'mate'** *n.* one on the same team



**team'ster** (-stär) *n.* one whose work is hauling loads with a team or truck

**team'work** *n.* joint action by a group of people

**tea'pot** *n.* a pot with a spout and handle, for brewing and pouring tea

**tear**<sup>1</sup> (ter) *vt.* tore, torn, **tear'ing** [OE *teran*, rend] 1 to pull apart into pieces by force; rip 2 to make by tearing [to *tear* a hole] 3 to lacerate 4 to disrupt; split [ranks *torn* by dissensions] 5 to divide with doubt, etc. 6 to pull with force: with *up*, *out*, *away*, *off*, etc. —*vi.* 1 to be torn 2 to move with force or speed —*n.* 1 a tearing 2 a torn place; rent —**tear down** 1 to wreck 2 to dismantle

**tear**<sup>2</sup> (tir) *n.* [OE *tēar*] a drop of the salty fluid which flows from the eye, as in weeping —in **tears** crying; weeping —**tear'ful** *adj.* —**tear'ful-ly** *adv.* —**tear'y**, **-i-er**, **-i-est**, *adj.*

**tear-drop** (tir'drăp') *n.* a tear

**tear gas** (tir) a liquid or gas that causes irritation of the eyes, used as by the police to disperse rioters —**tear'-gas'**, **-gassed'**, **-gas'sing**, *vt.*

**tear-jerk-er** (tir'jər'kər) *n.* [Slang] a sad, overly sentimental film, play, etc.

**tea'room** *n.* a restaurant that serves tea, coffee, light lunches, etc.

**tease** (tēz) *vt.* teased, **teas'ing** [OE *tæsan*] 1 *a*) to card or comb (flax, wool, etc.) *b*) to fluff (the hair) by combing toward the scalp 2 to annoy by mocking, poking fun, etc. 3 to beg; importune 4 to tantalize —*vi.* to indulge in teasing —*n.* one who teases

**tea-sel** (tē'zəl) *n.* [see prec.] a bristly plant with prickly flowers

**teas-er** (tē'zər) *n.* 1 a person or thing that teases 2 a puzzling problem

**tea'spoon** *n.* 1 a spoon for stirring tea, etc. 2 a spoon for measuring  $\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoon —**tea'spoon-ful**, *pl.* **-fuls**, *n.*

**teat** (tēt) *n.* [< OFr *tete*] the nipple on a breast or udder

**tech** *abbrev.* 1 technical(ly) 2 technology

**tech-ie** (tek'ē) *n.* [Inf.] an expert in computer technology

**tech-ni-cal** (tek'ni kəl) *adj.* [< Gr *technē*, an art] 1 dealing with the industrial or mechanical arts or the applied sciences 2 of a specific science, art, craft, etc. 3 of, in or showing technique 4 concerned with minute details —**tech'ni-cal-ly** *adv.*

**tech'ni-cal'i-ty** (-kal'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ties** 1 the state or quality of being technical 2 a technical point, detail, etc. 3 a minute point, detail, etc. brought to bear upon a main issue

**tech-ni-cian** (tek nish'an) *n.* one skilled in the technique of some art, craft, or science

**Tech-ni-col-or** (tek'ni kul'ər) *trademark* for a process of making color movies —*n.* [t-] this process

**tech-nique** (tek nēk') *n.* [Fr] 1 the method of procedure in artistic work, scientific activity, etc. 2 the degree of

expertness in following this

**tech-noc-ra-cy** (tek nāk'rə sē) *n.* [< Gr *technē*, an art + -CRACY] government by scientists and engineers —**tech'no-crat** (-nə krat') *n.*

**tech-nol-o-gy** (tek nāl'ə jē) *n.* [Gr *technologia*, systematic treatment] 1 the science of the practical or industrial arts 2 applied science —**tech'no-log'i-cal** (-nə lāj'i kəl) *adj.*

**tech-no-phile** (tek'nə fil') *n.* one who is enthusiastic about advanced technology

**tech'no-pho'bi-a** *n.* dislike or fear of advanced technology —**tech'no-phobe** *n.*

**ted-dy bear** (ted'ē) [after *Teddy* (Theodore) Roosevelt] a child's stuffed toy made to look like a bear cub

**te-di-ous** (tē'dē əs) *adj.* full of tedium; long and dull —**te'di-ous-ly** *adv.*

**te'di-um** (-əm) *n.* [< L *taedet*, it offends] the condition or quality of being tiresome, boring, etc.

**tee** (tē) *n.* [prob. < Scot dial. *teaz*] *Golf* 1 a small peg from which the ball is driven 2 the place from which a player makes the first stroke on each hole —*vt.*, *vi.* **teed**, **tee'ing** to place (a ball) on a tee —**tee off** 1 to play a golf ball from a tee 2 [Slang] to make angry or disgusted

**teem** (tēm) *vi.* [< OE *team*, progeny] to be prolific; abound; swarm

**teen** (tēn) *n.* [OE *tien*, *ten*] 1 [*pl.*] the years from 13 through 19, as of a person's age 2 TEENAGER

**teen-age** (tēn'āj') *adj.* 1 in one's teens 2 of or for people in their teens —**teen'ag'er** *n.*

**tee-ny** (tē'nē) *adj.* **-ni-er**, **-ni-est** *inf. var.* of TINY: also **teen-sy** (tēn'zē, -sē), **-si-er**, **-si-est**

**tee-ny-wee-ny** (tē'nē wē'nē) *adj.* [Inf.] tiny: also **teen-sy-ween-sy** (tēn'zē wēn'zē, tēn'sē wēn'sē)

**tee-pee** (tē'pē) *n.* *alt. sp.* of TEPEE

**tee shirt** *var.* of T-SHIRT

**tee-ter** (tēt'ər) *vi.* [< ON *titra*, to tremble] to totter, wobble, etc.

**tee'ter-tot'ter** (-tôt'ər, -tăt'-) *n.*, *vi.* SEE-SAW

**teeth** (tēth) *n.* *pl.* of TOOTH —in the **teeth of** 1 directly against 2 defying

**teethe** (tēth) *vi.* teethed, **teeth'ing** to grow teeth; cut one's teeth

**tee-to-tal-er** or **tee-to-tal-ler** (tē tōt'lər) *n.* [< doubling of initial *t* in *total*] one who practices total abstinence from alcoholic liquor

**te-fil-lin** (tə fil'in) *n.* either of two small, leather cases holding Scripture texts, worn in prayer on the forehead and arm by orthodox Jewish men

**Tef-lon** (təf'län') *trademark* for a tough polymer, used for nonsticking coatings as for cookware —*n.* [t-] this substance

**Teh-ran** (te rän') capital of Iran: pop. 6,043,000: also **Te-he-rān'**

**tek-tite** (tek'tit') *n.* [< Gr *tēktos*, molten] a small, dark, glassy body thought to have originated as a meteorite: also *sp.* **tec'tite'**

**tel** *abbrev.* 1 telegram 2 telephone



**Tel A·viv** (tel' ə vĕv') seaport in W Israel: pop. 356,000

**tele-** *combining form* 1 [*< Gr tēlē, far off*] at, over, etc. a distance [*telegraph*] 2 [*< TELE(VISION)*] of, in, or by television [*telecast*]

**tel·e·cast** (tel'ə kast') *vt., vi.* -cast' or -cast'ed, -cast'ing to broadcast by television —*n.* a television broadcast —**tel'e·caster** *n.*

**tel'e·com·mu'ni·ca'tion** *n.* [*also pl., with sing. or pl. v.*] communication by electronic or electrical means, as through radio, TV, computers, etc.: also **tel'e·com'** (-kām')

**tel'e·com·mute'** *vi.* to do office work at home using a computer

**tel'e·con·fer·ence** *n.* a conference of persons in different locations, as by telephone, TV, etc.

**tel'e·gram'** *n.* a message transmitted by telegraph

**tel'e·graph'** *n.* [*see TELE- & -GRAPH*] an apparatus or system that transmits messages by electrical impulses sent by wire or radio —*vt., vi.* to send (a message) to (a person) by telegraph —**tel'e·graph'ic** *adj.*

**te·leg·ra·phy** (tə leg'rə fē) *n.* the operation of telegraph apparatus —**te·leg'ra·pher** *n.*

**tel·e·ki·ne·sis** (tel'ə ki nē'sis) *n.* [*see TELE- & KINETIC*] *Parapsychology* the causing of an object to move by psychic, rather than physical, force

**tel'e·mar'ket·ing** *n.* the use of the telephone in selling, market research, promotion, etc. —**tel'e·mar'ket·er** *n.*

**tel·e·me·ter** (tel'ə mēt'ər, tə lem'ət ər) *n.* a device for measuring and transmitting data about radiation, temperature, etc. from a remote point —**te·lem'e·try** *n.*

**te·lep·a·thy** (tə lep'ə thē) *n.* [*TELE- + -PATHY*] *Parapsychology* extrasensory communication between minds —**tel·e·path·ic** (tel'ə path'ik) *adj.*

**tel·e·phone** (tel'ə fōn') *n.* [*TELE- + -PHONE*] an instrument or system for conveying speech or computerized information over distances, usually by converting sound into electrical impulses sent through a wire —*vt., vi.* -phoned', -phon'ing to convey (a message) to (a person) by telephone —**tel'e·phon'ic** (-fān'ik) *adj.*

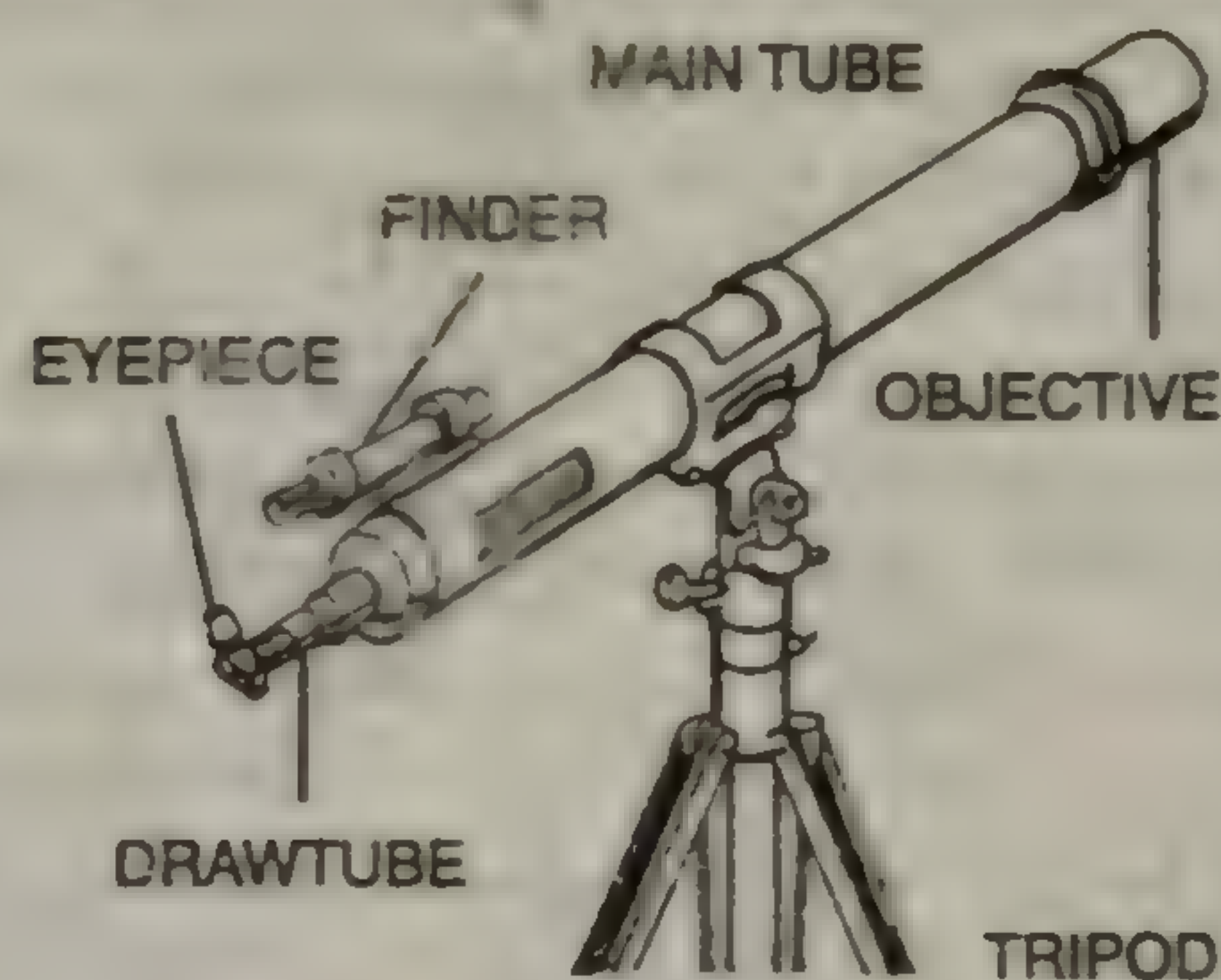
**te·leph·o·ny** (tə lef'ə nē) *n.* the making or operation of telephones

**tel·e·pho·to** (tel'ə fōt'ō) *adj.* designating or of a camera lens that produces a large image of a distant object

**tel'e·proc'ess·ing** *n.* computerized data processing, over communication lines

**tel'e·promp'ter** (-prämp'tər) *n.* [*< Tele-Prompter, a former trademark*] an electronic device that unrolls a speech, script, etc. line by line, as an aid to a speaker, etc. on TV

**tel·e·scope** (tel'ə sköp') *n.* [*see TELE- & -SCOPE*] an optical instrument for making distant objects appear nearer and larger —*vi., vt.* -scoped', -scop'ing to slide one into another like the tubes of a collapsible telescope —**tel'e·scop'ic** (-skäp'ik) *adj.*



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**tel'e·thon'** (-thän') *n.* [*TELE(VISION) + (MARA)THON*] a campaign, as on a lengthy telecast, seeking donations

**Tel·e·type** (tel'ə tip') *n.* *trademark* for a former kind of telegraphic apparatus for transmitting typed messages —**tel'e·type'writer** *n.*

**tel·e·vise** (tel'ə vīz') *vt., vi.* -vised', -vis'ing to transmit by television

**tel'e·vi'sion** (-viz'hən) *n.* 1 the process of transmitting images by converting light rays into electrical signals: the receiver reconverts the signals to reproduce the images on a screen 2 television broadcasting 3 a television receiving set 4 a television program or programs

**tel·ex** (tel'eks') *n.* [*TEL(ETYPEWRITER) + EX(CHANGE)*] 1 a teletypewriter which sends messages over telephone lines 2 a message sent in this way —*vt.* to send by telex

**tell** (tel) *vt.* told, tell'ing [*OE tellan, calculate*] 1 to count; reckon [*to tell time*] 2 to narrate; relate [*to tell a story*] 3 to express in words; say [*to tell the truth*] 4 to reveal; disclose 5 to recognize; distinguish [*to tell twins apart*] 6 to inform [*tell me later*] 7 to order [*tell him to go*] —*vi.* 1 to give an account or evidence (*of something*) 2 to be effective [*each blow told*] —**tell off** [*Inf.*] to rebuke severely —**tell on** 1 to have an adverse effect on 2 [*Inf.*] to inform against

**tell'er** *n.* 1 one who tells (a story, etc.) 2 a bank clerk who pays out or receives money

**tell'ing** *adj.* 1 forceful; striking 2 that reveals much —**tell'ing·ly** *adv.*

**tell'tale'** *adj.* revealing what is meant to be kept secret or hidden

**tel·ly** (tel'ē) *n., pl. -lies* *Brit. inf. term for TELEVISION*

**tem·blor** (tem'blôr', -blər) *n.* [*Sp < temblar, to tremble*] EARTHQUAKE

**te·mer·i·ty** (tə mer'ə tē) *n.* [*< L temere, rashly*] foolish or rash boldness

**temp**<sup>1</sup> (temp) *n.* [*Inf.*] one who works at a place on a temporary basis

**temp**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 temperature 2 temporary

**tem·per** (tem'pər) *vt.* [*< L temperare, regulate*] 1 to moderate, as by mingling with something else [*to temper blame with praise*] 2 to bring to the proper condition by some treatment [*to temper steel*] 3 to toughen —*n.* 1 the degree of hardness and resiliency of a



metal 2 frame of mind; disposition 3 calmness of mind: in lose (or keep) one's temper 4 a tendency to become angry 5 anger; rage

**tem-per-a** (tem'pər ə) *n.* [It: see prec.] a process of painting with pigments mixed with size, casein, or egg

**tem-per-a-ment** (tem'pər ə mənt, -prə mənt) *n.* [see TEMPER] 1 one's natural disposition; nature 2 a nature that is excitable, moody, etc. —**tem-per-a-men'tal** *adj.*

**tem-per-ance** (tem'pər əns, -prəns) *n.* 1 self-restraint in conduct, indulgence of the appetites, etc.; moderation 2 moderation in drinking alcoholic liquors or total abstinence from them

**tem-per-ate** (tem'pər it, -prit) *adj.* [see TEMPER] 1 moderate, as in one's appetites, behavior, etc. 2 neither very hot nor very cold: said of climate, etc.

**Temperate Zone** either of the two zones of the earth (North Temperate Zone and South Temperate Zone) between the tropics and the polar circles

**tem-per-a-ture** (tem'pər ə chər, -prə chər) *n.* [< L *temperatus*, temperate] 1 the degree of hotness or coldness of anything 2 an excess of body heat over the normal; fever

**tem-pered** (tem'pərd) *adj.* 1 having been given the desired TEMPER (*n.* 1) 2 having a (specified) TEMPER (*n.* 2)

**tem-pest** (tem'pist) *n.* [< L *tempus*, time] a violent storm with high winds, esp. one accompanied by rain, hail, etc.

**tem-pes-tu-ous** (tem pes'chō əs) *adj.* of or like a tempest; violent

**tem-plate** (tem'plit) *n.* [< L *templum*, small timber] a pattern, as a thin metal plate, for making an exact copy

**tem-ple**<sup>1</sup> (tem'pəl) *n.* [< L *templum*] 1 a building for the worship of God or gods 2 a large building for some special purpose [a temple of art]

**tem-ple**<sup>2</sup> (tem'pəl) *n.* [< L *tempus*] 1 the flat surface alongside the forehead, in front of each ear 2 either of the side-pieces of a pair of glasses

**tem-po** (tem'pō) *n., pl. -pos or -pi* (-pē) [It < L *tempus*, time] 1 the speed at which a musical composition is performed 2 rate of activity

**tem-po-ral**<sup>1</sup> (tem'pə rəl) *adj.* [< L *tempus*, time] 1 worldly; not spiritual 2 secular 3 of or limited by time

**tem-po-ral**<sup>2</sup> (tem'pə rəl) *adj.* of or near the temples (of the head)

**tem'po-rar'y** (-rer'ē) *adj.* [< L *tempus*, time] lasting only a while; not permanent —**tem'po-rar'i-ly** *adv.*

**tem'po-rize** (-rīz') *vi.* -rized', -riz'ing to give temporary compliance, evade decision, etc., so as to gain time or avoid argument

**tempt** (tempt) *vt.* [< L *temptare*, to test] 1 to induce or entice, as to something immoral 2 to be inviting to; attract 3 to provoke or risk provoking (fate, etc.) 4 to incline strongly [to be tempted to accept] —**temp-ta-tion** (temp tā'shən) *n.*

**tempt-ress** (temp'tris) *n.* a woman who

tempts, esp. sexually

**tem-pu-ra** (tem'poo rä', tem poor'ə) *n.* [Jpn] a Japanese dish of deep-fried shrimp, fish, vegetables, etc.

**ten** (ten) *adj., n.* [OE] one more than nine; 10; X

**ten-a-ble** (ten'ə bəl) *adj.* [< L *tenere*, to hold] that can be defended or believed —**ten'a-bil'i-ty** *n.*

**te-na-cious** (tə nā'shəs) *adj.* [< L *tenere*, to hold] 1 holding firmly [a tenacious grip] 2 retentive [a tenacious memory] 3 strongly cohesive or adhesive 4 persistent; stubborn [tenacious courage] —**te-na'cious-ly** *adv.* —**te-nac-i-ty** (tə nas' ə tē) *n.*

**ten-ant** (ten'ənt) *n.* [see prec.] 1 one who pays rent to occupy land, a building, etc. 2 an occupant —*vt.* to hold as a tenant; occupy —**ten'an-cy**, *pl. -cies*, *n.*

**tenant farmer** one who farms land owned by another and pays rent

**Ten Commandments** *Bible* the ten laws of moral and religious conduct given to Moses by God: Exodus 20:2-17

**tend**<sup>1</sup> (tend) *vt.* [see ATTEND] 1 to take care of 2 to manage or operate

**tend**<sup>2</sup> (tend) *vi.* [< L *tendere*, to stretch] 1 to be inclined, disposed, etc. (*to*) 2 to be directed (*to* or *toward*)

**tend-en-cy** (ten'dən sē) *n., pl. -cies* [see prec.] 1 an inclination to move or act in a particular direction or way 2 a course toward some object

**ten-den-tious** (ten den'shəs) *adj.* [< Ger *tendenz*, TENDENCY] advancing a definite point of view [tendentious writings] —**ten-den'tious-ly** *adv.*

**ten-der**<sup>1</sup> (ten'dər) *adj.* [< L *tener*, soft] 1 soft and easily chewed; broken, cut, etc. 2 physically weak 3 immature 4 that requires careful handling 5 gentle or light 6 acutely sensitive, as to pain 7 sensitive to emotions, others' feelings, etc. —**ten'der-ly** *adv.* —**ten'der-ness** *n.*

**ten-der**<sup>2</sup> (ten'dər) *vt.* [see TEND<sup>2</sup>] to offer formally —*n.* 1 a formal offer 2 money, etc. offered in payment

**tend-er**<sup>3</sup> (ten'dər) *n.* 1 one who tends something 2 a small ship for supplying a larger one 3 a railroad car attached behind, and carrying fuel and water for, a steam locomotive

**ten'der-foot'** *n., pl. -foots' or -feet'* 1 a newcomer to ranching in the West, unused to hardships 2 any novice

**ten'der-heart'ed** *adj.* quick to feel pity or compassion

**ten-der-ize** (ten'dər īz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to make (meat) tender

**ten'der-loin'** *n.* the tenderest part of a loin of beef, pork, etc.

**ten-di-ni-tis** (ten'də nīt'is) *n.* inflammation of a tendon

**ten-don** (ten'dən) *n.* [< Gr *teinein*, to stretch] any of the inelastic cords of tough, connective tissue by which muscles are attached to bones, etc.

**ten-dril** (ten'drəl) *n.* [prob. ult. < L *tener*, delicate] a threadlike, clinging part of a climbing plant

**ten-e-ment** (ten'ə mənt) *n.* [< L *tenere*, to hold] a building divided into tene-



ments; now specif., one that is run-down, overcrowded, etc.: in full **tenement house**

**ten-et** (ten'it) *n.* [L, he holds] a principle, doctrine, or belief held as a truth, as by some group

**Ten-nes-see** (ten'ə sē') state of the EC U.S.: 41,220 sq. mi.; pop. 4,877,000; cap. Nashville: abbrev. *TN* —**Ten'nes-se'an** *adj., n.*

**ten-nis** (ten'is) *n.* [prob. < OFr *tener*, hold (imperative)] a game in which players in a marked area (**tennis court**) hit a ball back and forth with rackets over a net

**tennis elbow** inflammation of the elbow tendons, caused by strain

**tennis shoe** a sneaker

**Ten-ny-son** (ten'i sən), **Al-fred** (al'frəd) 1809-92; Eng. poet: called *Alfred*, *Lord Tennyson*

**ten-on** (ten'an) *n.* [ult. < L *tenere*, to hold] a projecting part cut on the end of a piece of wood for insertion into a mortise to make a joint

**ten-or** (ten'ər) *n.* [< L *tenere*, to hold] 1 general tendency 2 general meaning; drift 3 *a*) the range of the highest regular adult male voice *b*) a voice, singer, or instrument with such a range *c*) a part for a tenor —*adj.* of or for a tenor

**ten'pins'** *n.* the game of bowling in which ten pins are used

**tense**<sup>1</sup> (tens) *adj.* **tens'er**, **tens'est** [< L *tendere*, to stretch] 1 stretched tight; taut 2 feeling or showing tension —*vt.*, *vi.* **tensed**, **tens'ing** to make or become tense

**tense**<sup>2</sup> (tens) *n.* [< L *tempus*, time] any of the forms of a verb that show the time of its action or existence

**ten-sile** (ten'səl) *adj.* 1 of, undergoing, or exerting tension 2 capable of being stretched

**ten-sion** (ten'shən) *n.* 1 a tensing or being tensed 2 mental or nervous strain 3 a state of strained relations due to mutual hostility 4 **VOLTAGE** 5 stress on a material produced by the pull of forces causing extension

**tent** (tent) *n.* [< L *tendere*, to stretch] a portable shelter made of canvas, etc. stretched over poles —*vi.*, *vt.* to lodge in a tent or tents

**ten-ta-cle** (ten'tə kəl) *n.* [< L *tentare*, to touch] a long, slender, flexible growth on the head of some invertebrates, used to grasp, feel, etc.

**ten-ta-tive** (ten'tə tiv) *adj.* [< L *tentare*, to try] 1 made, done, etc. provisionally; not final 2 indicating timidity or uncertainty —**ten'ta-tive-ly** *adv.*

**ten-ter-hook** (ten'tər hook') *n.* [< L *tendere*, to stretch + **HOOK**] a kind of hooked nail —**on tenterhooks** in anxious suspense

**tenth** (tenth) *adj.* [OE *teogotha*] preceded by nine others in a series; 10th — *n.* 1 the one following the ninth 2 any of the ten equal parts of something;  $\frac{1}{10}$

**ten-u-ous** (ten'yō əs) *adj.* [< L *tenuis*, thin] 1 slender or fine, as a fiber 2 rare, as air at high altitudes 3 flimsy [*tenuous evidence*]

**ten-ure** (ten'yər) *n.* [< medieval Fr < *tenir*, to hold] 1 the act or right of holding property, an office, etc. 2 the length of time, or the conditions under which, something is held 3 the status of holding one's position on a permanent basis, granted to teachers, etc.



TEPEE

**te-pee** (tē'pē) *n.* [< AmInd *t'hipi*, dwelling] a cone-shaped tent used by some North American Indians

**tep-id** (tep'id) *adj.* [< L *tepidus*] 1 lukewarm 2 lacking enthusiasm

**te-qui-la** (tə kē'lə) *n.* [< AmInd (Mexico) *Tuquila*, region in Mexico] an alcoholic liquor of Mexico, distilled from an agave mash

**ter-cen-te-nar-y** (tər'sen ten'ər ē, tər sen'tə ner'ē) *adj., n.; pl. -ies* [L *ter*, three times + **CENTENARY**] **TRICENTEN-NIAL**

**term** (tərm) *n.* [< L *terminus*, a limit] 1 a set date, as for payment, etc. 2 a set period of time [*school term*, *term of office*] 3 [*pl.*] conditions of a contract, etc. 4 [*pl.*] mutual relationship between persons [*on speaking terms*] 5 a word or phrase, esp. as used in some science, art, etc. 6 [*pl.*] words; speech [*unkind terms*] 7 *Math.* *a*) either quantity of a fraction or a ratio *b*) each quantity in a series or algebraic expression —*vt.* to call by a term; name — **bring (or come) to terms** to force into (or arrive at) an agreement

**ter-mi-na-ble** (tər'mi nə bəl) *adj.* that can be, or is, terminated

**ter-mi-nal** (tər'mə nəl) *adj.* [L *terminalis*] 1 of, at, or forming the end or extremity 2 concluding; final 3 close to causing death [*terminal cancer*] 4 of or at the end of a transportation line —*n.* 1 an end; extremity 2 a connective point on an electric circuit 3 either end of a transportation line, or a main station on it 4 a device, usually with a keyboard and video display, for putting data in, or getting it from, a computer

**ter-mi-nate** (tər'mə nāt') *vt.* **-nat'ed**, **-nat'ing** [< L *terminus*, a limit] 1 to form the end of 2 to put an end to; stop 3 to dismiss from employment; fire —*vi.* 1 to come to an end 2 to have its end (*in something*) —**ter-mi-na'tion** *n.*

**ter-mi-nol-o-gy** (tər'mə nāl'ə jē) *n., pl. -gies* the terms used in a specific science, art, etc.

**term insurance** life insurance that



expires after a specified period

**ter-mi-nus** (tər'mə nəʃ) *n.*, *pl.* -ni' (-nī') or -nus-es [L, a limit] 1 a limit 2 an end; extremity or goal 3 [Chiefly Brit.] either end of a transportation line

**ter-mite** (tər'mīt') *n.* [L *tarmes*, wood-boring worm] a social insect that is very destructive to wooden structures

**tern** (tərn) *n.* [L *terna*] a gull-like seabird with webbed feet and a straight bill

**ter-race** (ter'əs) *n.* [L *terra*, earth] 1 a raised, flat mound of earth with sloping sides, esp. one in a series on a hillside 2 an unroofed, paved area, between a house and lawn 3 a row of houses on ground above street level 4 a small, usually roofed balcony, as outside an apartment —*vt.* -raced, -rac-ing to form into a terrace or terraces

**ter-ra cot-ta** (ter'ə kăt'ə) [It, lit., baked earth] a hard, brown-red earthenware, or its color

**ter-ra fir-ma** (ter'ə fər'mə) [L] firm earth

**ter-rain** (tə rān') *n.* [L *terra*, earth] a tract of ground, as with regard to its features

**ter-ra-pin** (ter'ə pin) *n.* [L *Algonquian*] 1 any of various terrestrial, freshwater or tidewater turtles 2 its edible flesh

**ter-rar-i-um** (tə rer'ē əm) *n.*, *pl.* -i-ums or -i-a (-ə) [L *terra*, earth + *-arium*, as in *aquarium*] an enclosure, as of glass, in which small plants are grown or small land animals are kept

**ter-raz-zo** (tə raz'ō, tə răt'sō) *n.* [It] flooring of small chips of marble set in cement and polished

**ter-res-tri-al** (tə res'trē əl) *adj.* [L *terra*, earth] 1 worldly; mundane 2 of the earth 3 consisting of land, not water 4 living on land

**ter-ri-ble** (ter'ə bəl) *adj.* [L *terrere*, frighten] 1 causing terror; dreadful 2 extreme; intense 3 [Inf.] very unpleasant, etc. —*ter-ri-bly adv.*

**ter-ri-er** (ter'ē ər) *n.* [L *medieval Fr* (*chien*) *terrier*, hunting (dog)] any of several breeds of small and typically aggressive dog

**ter-rif-ic** (tə rif'ik) *adj.* [L *terrere*, frighten] 1 causing great fear 2 [Inf.] a) very great, intense, etc. b) unusually fine, admirable, etc.

**ter-ri-fy** (ter'ə fī') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing to fill with terror; frighten greatly

**ter-ri-to-ry** (ter'ə tōr'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries [L *terra*, earth] 1 an area under the jurisdiction of a nation, ruler, etc. 2 a part of a country or empire that does not have full status 3 any large tract of land 4 an assigned area 5 a sphere of action, thought, etc. —*ter-ri-to'-ri-al adj.*

**ter-ror** (ter'ər) *n.* [L *terrere*, frighten] 1 intense fear 2 a) one that causes intense fear b) the quality of causing such fear 3 [Inf.] one who is very annoying or unmanageable, esp. a child

**ter'ror-ism'** *n.* the use of force or threats to intimidate, etc., esp. as a political policy —*ter'ror-ist n., adj.*

**ter'ror-ize'** (-īz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing 1 to

terrify 2 to coerce, make submit, etc. by filling with terror

**ter-ry** (ter'ē) *n.* [prob. < Fr *tirer*, to draw] cloth having a pile of uncut loops, esp. cotton cloth used for towel-ing: also **terry cloth**

**terse** (tərs) *adj.* ters'er, ters'est [L *tersus*, wiped off] free of superfluous words; concise; succinct —*terse'ly adv.* —*terse'ness n.*

**ter-ti-ar-y** (tər'shē er'ē) *adj.* [L *tertius*, third] third in order

**tes-sel-late** (tes'ə lāt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [L *tessella*, little square stone] to lay out in a mosaic pattern of small, square blocks

**test** (test) *n.* [L *assaying cup*] 1 a) an examination or trial, as of something's value b) the method or a criterion used in this 2 an event, etc. that tries one's qualities 3 a set of questions, etc. for determining one's knowledge, etc. 4 *Chem.* a trial or reaction for identifying a substance —*vt.* to subject to a test; try —*vi.* to be rated by a test

**tes-ta-ment** (tes'tə mənt) *n.* [L *testis*, a witness] 1 [T-] either of the two parts of the Bible, the *Old Testament* and the *New Testament* 2 a) a testimonial b) an affirmation of beliefs 3 *Law* a will —*tes'ta-men'ta-ry* (-men'tə rē) *adj.*

**tes-tate** (tes'tāt') *adj.* [L *testari*, make a will] having left a legally valid will

**tes-ta-tor** (tes'tāt'ər, tes tāt'-) *n.* one who has made a will

**tes-ti-cle** (tes'ti kəl) *n.* [L *testis*] either of two male sex glands

**tes-ti-fy** (tes'tə fī') *vi.* -fied', -fy'ing [L *testis*, a witness + *facere*, to make] 1 to give evidence, esp. under oath in court 2 to serve as evidence —*vt.* to affirm; declare, esp. under oath in court

**tes-ti-mo-ni-al** (tes'tə mō'nē əl) *n.* 1 a statement recommending a person or thing 2 something given or done to show gratitude or appreciation

**tes-ti-mo-ny** (tes'tə mō'nē) *n.*, *pl.* -nies [L *testis*, a witness] 1 a statement made under oath to establish a fact 2 any declaration 3 any form of evidence; proof

**tes-tis** (tes'tis) *n.*, *pl.* -tes' (-tēz') [L] TESTICLE

**tes-tos-ter-one** (tes tās'tər ōn') *n.* [see TESTICLE] a male sex hormone

**test tube** a tube of thin, transparent glass closed at one end, used in chemical experiments, etc.

**tes-ty** (tes'tē) *adj.* -ti-er, -ti-est [L *testa*, the head] irritable; touchy

**tet-a-nus** (tet'n əs, tet'nəs) *n.* [Gr *tetanos*, spasm] an acute infectious disease, often fatal, caused by a toxin and characterized by spasmodic contractions and rigidity of muscles

**tête-à-tête** (tāt'ə tāt') *n.* [Fr, lit., head-to-head] a private conversation between two people

**teth-er** (teth'ər) *n.* [L *tjōthr*] 1 a rope or chain fastened to an animal to keep it from roaming 2 the limit of one's abilities, resources, etc. —*vt.* to fasten with a tether



**tet-ra** (te'trə) *n.* [**< ModL**] a brightly colored, tropical American fish

**tetra-** [**Gr** *< tettares*, four] *combining form* four

**tet-ra-cy-cline** (te'trə sī'klin) *n.* a yellow, crystalline compound, used as an antibiotic

**tet-ra-he-dron** (te'trə hē'drən) *n., pl. -drons or -dra* (-drə) [**see** TETRA- & -HEDRON] a solid figure with four triangular faces

**te-tram-e-ter** (te tram'ət ər) *n.* [**see** TETRA- & METER<sup>1</sup>] 1 a line of verse containing four metrical feet 2 verse consisting of tetrameters

**Teu-ton-ic** (tōō tăn'ik) *adj.* designating or of a group of N European peoples, esp. the Germans —**Teu-ton** (tōōt'n) *n.*

**Tex-as** (tek'səs) state of the SW U.S.: 261,914 sq. mi.; pop. 16,987,000; cap. Austin: abbrev. TX —**Tex'an** *adj., n.*

**text** (tekst) *n.* [**< L** *texere*, to weave] 1 the actual words of an author, as distinguished from notes, etc. 2 any form in which a written work exists 3 the principal matter on a printed page, as distinguished from notes, headings, etc. 4 *a*) a Biblical passage used as the topic of a sermon, etc. *b*) any topic or subject 5 *short for* TEXTBOOK —**tex-tu-al** (teks'chō əl) *adj.*

**text'book** *n.* a book giving instructions in a subject of study —*adj.* so typical as to be a classic example or model of its kind

**tex-tile** (teks'til', -təl) *adj.* [**see** TEXT] 1 having to do with weaving 2 that has been or can be woven —*n.* 1 a woven or knitted fabric; cloth 2 raw material suitable for this

**tex-ture** (teks'chər) *n.* [**< L** *texere*, to weave] 1 the character of a fabric, determined by the arrangement, size, etc. of its threads 2 the arrangement of the constituent parts of anything —**tex'tur-al** *adj.*

**tex'tured** *adj.* having an uneven surface; not smooth [*textured* wallpaper]

**-th<sup>1</sup>** [**OE**] *suffix* 1 the act of *ing* [*growth*] 2 the state or quality of being or having [*wealth*]

**-th<sup>2</sup>** [**< OE**] *suffix* forming ordinal numerals [*fourth, ninth*]

**Th** *Chem. symbol* for thorium

**Thai** (ti) *n.* 1 *pl.* Thais or Thai a person born or living in Thailand 2 the language of Thailand 3 *alt. sp. of* TAI —*adj.* of Thailand or its people, culture, etc.

**Thai-land** (ti'land') country in SE Asia: 198,114 sq. mi.; pop. 54,532,000

**thal-a-mus** (thal'ə məs) *n., pl. -mi' (-mī')* [**< Gr** *thalamos*, inner chamber] a mass of gray matter at the base of the brain, involved in the transmission of certain sensations

**thal-lo-phyte** (thal'ə fit') *n.* [**< Gr** *thallos*, young shoot + *phyton*, a plant] any of a large group of plants lacking true roots, leaves, or stems, as the fungi, the lichens, and most algae

**Thames** (temz) river in S England, flowing through London into the North Sea

**than** (than) *conj.* [**OE** *thenne*] introduc-

ing the second element in a comparison [*A is taller than B*]

**thank** (thank) *vt.* [**OE** *thancian*] 1 to express gratitude to, as by saying "thank you" 2 to blame: an ironic use —*thank you short for* I thank you

**thank'ful** *adj.* feeling or expressing thanks —**thank'ful-ly** *adv.*

**thank'less** *adj.* 1 not feeling or expressing thanks; ungrateful 2 unappreciated

**thanks** (thanks) *pl.n.* an expression of gratitude —*interj.* I thank you —**thanks to** 1 let thanks be given to 2 on account of; because of

**thanks'giv'ing** *n.* 1 a formal public expression of thanks to God 2 [T-] an annual U.S. holiday observed on the fourth Thursday of November

**that** (that) *pron., pl. those* [**OE** *thæt*] 1 the person or thing mentioned [*that is John*] 2 the farther one or the other one [*this is better than that*] 3 who, whom, or which [*the road that we took*] 4 where [*the place that I saw her*] 5 when [*the year that I was born*] —*adj., pl. those* 1 designating the one mentioned [*that man is John*] 2 designating the farther one or the other one [*this house is larger than that one*] —*conj.* subordinating conjunction used to introduce: *a*) a noun clause [*that she's gone is obvious*] *b*) an adverbial clause expressing purpose [*they died that we might live*], result [*I ran so fast that I won*], or cause [*I'm glad that I won*] *c*) an elliptical sentence expressing surprise, desire, etc. [*oh, that she were here!*] —*adv.* to that extent [*I can't see that far*] —**at that** [**Inf.**] 1 at that point: also **with that** 2 even so —**that is** 1 to be specific 2 in other words

**thatch** (thach) *n.* [**OE** *thæc*] 1 a roof of straw, rushes, etc. 2 material for such a roof: also **thatch'ing** 3 a layer of tangled, partly decayed leaves, stems, etc. lying on top of the soil —*vt.* to cover as with thatch

**thaw** (thô) *vi.* [**OE** *thawian*] 1 *a*) to melt (said of ice, snow, etc.) *b*) to pass to an unfrozen state (said of frozen foods) 2 to become warmer so that snow, etc. melts 3 to lose one's coldness of manner —*vt.* to cause to thaw —*n.* 1 a thawing 2 a spell of weather warm enough to allow thawing

**THC** *n.* [*t(etra)h(ydro)c(annabinol)*] the principal and most active chemical in marijuana

**ThD** or **Th.D.** *abbrev.* [**L** *Theologiae Doctor*] Doctor of Theology

**the** (thə; *before vowels* thē, thi) *adj., definite article* [**< OE** *se* with *th-* from other forms] *the* (as opposed to *a, an*) refers to: 1 a particular person, thing, or group [*the story ended; the President*] 2 a person or thing considered generically [*the cow is a domestic animal; the poor*] —*adv.* 1 that much [*the better to see you with*] 2 by how much . . . by that much [*the sooner the better*]

**the-a-ter** or **the-a-tre** (thē'ə tər) *n.* [**< Gr** *theasthai*, to view] 1 a place, esp. a building, where plays, operas, films,



etc. are presented 2 any similar place with banked rows of seats 3 any place where events occur 4 a) the dramatic art b) the theatrical world

**the-at-ri-cal** (thē a'tri kəl) *adj.* 1 having to do with the theater 2 dramatic; esp. (in disparagement), melodramatic — **the-at'ri-cal-ly** *adv.*

**thee** (thē) *pron.* [OE *the*] [Archaic] objective form of THOU

**theft** (theft) *n.* [OE *thieft*] the act or an instance of stealing; larceny

**their** (ther) *poss. pronominal adj.* [‹ ON *theirra*] of, belonging to, or done by them

**theirs** (therz) *pron.* that or those belonging to them: *poss. form of THEY* [that book is *theirs*; *theirs* are better]

**the-ism** (thē'iz'əm) *n.* [‹ Gr *theos*, god] 1 belief in a god or gods 2 MONOTHEISM — **the'ist** *n., adj.* — **the-is'tic** *adj.*

**them** (them) *pron.* [‹ ON *them*] objective form of THEY

**theme** (thēm) *n.* [‹ Gr *thema*, what is laid down] 1 a topic, as of an essay 2 a short essay 3 a short melody used as the subject of a musical composition 4 a recurring or identifying song in a film, musical, radio or TV series, etc.: in full **theme song** — **the-mat-ic** (thē mat'ik) *adj.*

**them-selves** (them selvz') *pron.* a form of THEY, used as an intensive [they went *themselves*], as a reflexive [they hurt *themselves*], or with the meaning "their true selves" [they are not *themselves* when they are sick]

**then** (then) *adv.* [see THAN] 1 at that time [he was young *then*] 2 next in time or order [he took his hat and *then* left] 3 in that case; accordingly [if she read it, *then* she knows] 4 besides; moreover [he likes to walk, and *then* it's good exercise] 5 at another time [now it's warm, *then* freezing] — *adj.* being such at that time [the *then* director] — *n.* that time [by *then*, they were gone]

**thence** (thens) *adv.* [OE *thanan*] 1 from that place 2 from that time; thenceforth

**thence'forth** *adv.* from that time onward; thereafter: also **thence-for'ward**

**the-oc-ra-cy** (thē äk'rə sē) *n., pl. -cies* [‹ Gr *theos*, god + *kratos*, rule, power] 1 government by a person or persons claiming divine authority 2 a country with this form of government

**the-o-lo-gi-an** (thē'ə lō'jən) *n.* a student of or specialist in theology

**the-ol-o-gy** (thē ä'l'ə jē) *n.* [‹ Gr *theos*, god + *logos*, word] the study of God and of religious doctrines and matters of divinity. — **the'o-log'i-cal** (-ə läj'i kəl) *adj.*

**the-o-rem** (thē'ə rəm, thir'əm) *n.* [‹ Gr *theōrein*, to view] 1 a proposition that can be proved from accepted premises; law or principle 2 *Math., Physics* a proposition embodying something to be proved

**the-o-ret-i-cal** (thē'ə ret'i kəl) *adj.* 1 limited to or based on theory; hypo-

thetical 2 tending to theorize; speculative Also **the'o-ret'ic** — **the'o-ret'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**the-o-ri-ze** (thē'ə rīz') *vi.* -rized', -riz'ing to form a theory or theories; speculate — **the'o-re-ti'cian** (-rə tish'an) or **the'o-rist** (-rist) *n.*

**the-o-ry** (thē'ə rē, thir'ē) *n., pl. -ries* [‹ Gr *theōrein*, to view] 1 a speculative plan 2 a formulation of underlying principles of certain observed phenomena that has been verified to some degree 3 the principles of an art or science, rather than its practice 4 a conjecture or guess

**the-os-o-phy** (thē äs'ə fē) *n.* [‹ Gr *theos*, god + *sophia*, wisdom] [also T-] an eclectic set of occult beliefs, held to be based on mystical insight — **the'o-soph'ic** (-ə säf'ik) or **the'o-soph'i-cal** *adj.* — **the-os'o-phist** *n.*

**ther-a-peu-tic** (ther'ə pyōōt'ik) *adj.* [‹ Gr *therapeuein*, to nurse] serving to cure or heal or to preserve health

**ther'a-peu'tics** *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the treatment of diseases; therapy

**ther'a-py** (-pē) *n., pl. -pies* [see THERAPEUTIC] 1 the treatment of any physical or mental disorder by medical or physical means, usually excluding surgery 2 *short for* PSYCHOTHERAPY — **ther'a-pist** *n.*

**there** (ther) *adv.* [OE *ther*] 1 at, in, or to that place 2 at that point; then [*there* I paused] 3 in that respect [*there* you are wrong] *There* is also used in impersonal constructions in which the real subject follows the verb [*there* is little time] — *n.* that place — *interj.* used to express defiance, satisfaction, sympathy, etc. — (not) all *there* [Inf.] (not) mentally sound

**there'a-bouts'** (-ə bouts') *adv.* 1 near that place 2 near that time, number, degree, etc. Also **there'a-bout**

**there-after** *adv.* from then on

**there-at'** *adv.* 1 at that place; there 2 at that time 3 for that reason

**there-by'** *adv.* 1 by that means 2 connected with that

**there-for'** *adv.* for this; for that; for it

**there'fore'** (-fôr') *adv.* for this or that reason; hence

**there-in'** *adv.* 1 in or into that place 2 in that matter, detail, etc.

**there-of'** *adv.* 1 of that 2 from that as a cause, reason, etc.

**there-on'** *adv.* 1 on that or it 2 THERE-UPON

**there-to'** *adv.* to that place, thing, etc.: also **there-un-to** (ther un'tōō, ther'un tōō')

**there'to-fore'** *adv.* until that time

**there-up-on'** *adv.* 1 immediately following that 2 as a consequence of that 3 on that subject, etc.

**there-with'** *adv.* 1 along with that 2 immediately thereafter

**ther-mal** (thur'məl) *adj.* [‹ Gr *thermē*, heat] 1 having to do with heat 2 designating a loosely knitted material with air spaces for insulation — *n.* *Meteorol.* a rising column of warm air



**thermal pollution** the harmful discharge of heated liquid or air into lakes, rivers, etc.

**thermo-** [*< Gr thermē, heat*] combining form heat

**ther·mo·dy·nam·ics** (thər'mō dī nam'iks) *n.* the branch of physics dealing with the transformation of heat to and from other forms of energy —**ther·mo·dy·nam'ic** *adj.*

**ther·mom·e·ter** (thər mām'ət ər) *n.* [*see THERMO- & -METER*] an instrument for measuring temperatures, as a graduated glass tube in which mercury, etc. rises or falls as it expands or contracts with changes in temperature

**ther·mo·nu·cle·ar** (thər'mō nōō'klē ər) *adj.* *Physics* 1 designating a reaction in which isotopes of a light element fuse, at extremely high heat, into heavier nuclei 2 of or using the heat energy released in nuclear fusion

**ther·mo·plas·tic** (thər'mə plas'tik) *adj.* soft and moldable when subjected to heat: said of certain plastics —*n.* a thermoplastic substance

**Ther·mos** (thər'məs) [*< Gr thermos, hot*] *trademark* for a vacuum-insulated container for keeping liquids at almost their original temperature —*n.* [*usually t-*] such a container

**ther·mo·stat** (thər'mə stat') *n.* [*THERMO- + -STAT*] an apparatus for regulating temperature, esp. one that automatically controls a heating or cooling unit

**the·sau·rus** (thi sô'rəs) *n., pl. -ri' (-rī')* or *-rus-es* [*< Gr thēsauros, a treasure*] a book of synonyms and antonyms

**these** (thēz) *pron., adj. pl. of THIS*

**The·seus** (thē'sōs', thē'sē əs) *n. Gr. Legend* the king of Athens who kills the Minotaur

**the·sis** (thē'sis) *n., pl. -ses' (-sēz')* [*< Gr tithenai, to put*] 1 a proposition to be defended in argument 2 a long research paper, esp. one written by a candidate for a master's degree

**Thes·pi·an** (thes'pē ən) *adj.* [*after Thespis, ancient Gr poet*] [*often t-*] having to do with the drama; dramatic —*n.* [*often t-*] an actor or actress

**the·ta** (thāt'ə, thēt'-) *n.* the eighth letter of the Greek alphabet (Θ, θ, ϑ)

**thews** (thyōz) *pl.n., sing. thew* [*< OE theaw, habit*] muscles or sinews

**they** (thā) *pron., sing. he, she, or it* [*< ON thei-r*] 1 the persons, animals, or things previously mentioned 2 people generally [*they say it's so*]

**thi·a·mine** (thī'ə min, -mēn') *n.* [*ult. < Gr theion, brimstone + (VIT)AMIN*] a white, crystalline B vitamin, found in cereals, egg yolk, liver, etc.; vitamin B<sub>1</sub>: also **thi'a·min** (-min)

**thick** (thik) *adj.* [*OE thicce*] 1 of relatively great extent from side to side 2 as measured between opposite surfaces [*one inch thick*] 3 close and abundant [*thick hair*] 4 viscous 5 dense [*thick smoke*] 6 husky; blurred [*thick speech*] 7 [*Inf.*] stupid 8 [*Inf.*] close in friendship —*n.* the thickest part —**thick'ly** *adv.* —**thick'ness** *n.*

**thick'en** *vt., vi.* 1 to make or become

thick or thicker 2 to make or become more complex —**thick'en-ing** *n.*

**thick·et** (thik'it) *n.* [*see THICK*] a thick growth of shrubs or small trees

**thick'set'** *adj.* 1 planted thickly or closely 2 thick in body; stocky

**thick'-skinned'** *adj.* insensitive, as to insult

**thief** (thēf) *n., pl. thieves* (thēvz) [*OE theof*] one who steals

**thieve** (thēv) *vt., vi.* *thieved, thiev'ing* to steal —**thiev'ish** *adj.*

**thiev'er·y** (-ər ē) *n., pl. -ies* the act or an instance of stealing; theft

**thigh** (thī) *n.* [*OE theoh*] that part of the leg between the knee and the hip

**thigh'bone'** *n.* FEMUR

**thim·ble** (thim'bəl) *n.* [*< OE thuma, a thumb*] a small cap worn to protect the finger that pushes the needle in sewing —**thim'ble·ful'**, *pl. -fuls', n.*

**thin** (thin) *adj.* **thin'ner, thin'nest** [*OE thynne*] 1 of relatively little extent from side to side 2 lean; slender 3 not dense or compact [*thin hair*] 4 very fluid or watery [*thin soup*] 5 high-pitched and weak [*a thin voice*] 6 sheer: said as of fabric 7 flimsy or unconvincing [*a thin excuse*] 8 lacking substance, depth, etc.; weak —*vt., vi.* **thinned, thin'ning** to make or become thin or thinner —**thin'ly** *adv.* —**thin'ness** *n.*

**thine** (thīn) [*Archaic*] *pron.* [*OE thin*] that or those belonging to thee: poss. form of THOU —*poss. pronominal adj.* **thy:** used esp. before a vowel

**thing** (thīn) *n.* [*OE, council*] 1 any matter, affair, or concern 2 a happening, act, incident, event, etc. 3 *a)* a tangible object *b)* an inanimate object 4 an item, detail, etc. 5 *a)* [*pl.*] personal belongings *b)* a garment 6 [*Inf.*] a person [*poor thing*] 7 [*Inf.*] a point of contention; issue 8 [*Inf.*] an irrational liking, fear, etc. 9 [*Inf.*] what one wants to do or is adept at [*to do one's own thing*] —*see things* [*Inf.*] to have hallucinations

**think** (think) *vt.* **thought, think'ing** [*OE thencan*] 1 to form or have in the mind [*thinking good thoughts*] 2 to judge; consider [*many think her charming*] 3 to believe [*I think I can come*] —*vi.* 1 to use the mind; reason 2 to have an opinion, etc.: with *of* or *about* 3 to remember or consider: with *of* or *about* 4 to conceive (*of*) —**think up** to invent, plan, etc. by thinking —**think'er** *n.*

**think tank** a group or center organized to do intensive research and problem-solving

**thin·ner** (thin'ər) *n.* a substance added to paint, shellac, etc. to thin it

**thin'-skinned'** *adj.* sensitive, as to insult

**Thin·su·late** (thin'sə lāt') *trademark* for thermal insulation made of synthetic fibers, for lining clothing

**third** (thurd) *adj.* [*OE thridda*] preceded by two others in a series; 3d or 3rd —*adv.* in the third place, etc.: also **third'ly** —*n.* 1 the one following the second 2



any of the three equal parts of something;  $\frac{1}{3}$  3 the third forward gear of a transmission, providing more speed than second

**third'-class' adj.** 1 of the class, rank, etc. next below the second 2 of a low-cost mail class, as for advertisements — **adv.** by third-class mail or travel accommodations

**third degree** [Inf.] cruel treatment and questioning to force a confession: with *the*

**third dimension** 1 *a*) depth *b*) solidity 2 the quality of seeming real

**third person** the form of a pronoun or verb that refers to the person or thing spoken of

**third'-rate' adj.** 1 third in quality or other rating 2 inferior; very poor

**Third World** [*also t- w-*] the economically underdeveloped countries of the world

**thirst** (thɜrst) *n.* [OE *thurst*] 1 the discomfort caused by a need for water 2 a strong desire; craving — **vi.** 1 to feel thirst 2 to have a strong desire or craving — **thirst'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.** — **thirst'ly adv.**

**thir·teen** (thɜrtēn') *adj., n.* [OE *threotyne*] three more than ten; 13; XIII — **thir'teenth' adj., n.**

**thir·ty** (thɜrtē) *adj., n., pl. -ties* [OE *thritig*] three times ten; 30; XXX — **the thirties** the numbers or years, as of a century, from 30 through 39 — **thir'ti-eth (-ith) adj., n.**

**this** (this) *pron., pl. these* [OE *thes*] 1 the person or thing mentioned [*this is John*] 2 the nearer one or another one [*this is older than that*] 3 something about to be presented [*listen to this*] — **adj., pl. these** 1 designating the person or thing mentioned [*this man is John*] 2 designating the nearer one or another one [*this desk is older than that one*] 3 designating something about to be presented [*hear this news*] — **adv.** to this extent [*it was this big*]



THISTLE

**this·tle** (this'əl) *n.* [OE *thistel*] a plant with prickly leaves and white, purple, etc. flowers

**this'tle-down' n.** the down growing from the flowers of a thistle

**thith·er** (thith'ər, thith'-) **adv.** [OE *thider*] to or toward that place; there

**tho or tho'** (thō) **conj., adv.** *phonetic sp. of THOUGH*

**thole** (thōl) *n.* [OE *thol*] one of a pair of pins set as an oarlock into the gunwale of a boat: also **thole'pin'**

**-thon** (thän) *suffix* -ATHON: used after a vowel [*radiothon*]

**thong** (thŏŋ) *n.* [OE *thwang*] a narrow strip of leather, etc. used as a lace, strap, etc.

**Thor** (thôr) *n.* Norse Myth. the god of thunder, war, and strength

**tho·rax** (thôr'aks') *n., pl. -rax'es or -ra-ces'* (-ə sēz') [ < Gr.] 1 the part of the body between the neck and the abdomen; chest 2 the middle segment of an insect's body — **tho·rac·ic** (thō ras'ik, thō-) **adj.**

**Tho·reau** (thôr'ō, thə rō'), Henry David 1817-62; U.S. writer

**tho·ri·um** (thôr'ē əm) *n.* [ < THOR] a rare, grayish, radioactive, metallic chemical element, used as a nuclear fuel

**thorn** (thôrn) *n.* [OE] 1 *a*) a very short, hard, leafless stem with a sharp point *b*) any small tree or shrub bearing thorns 2 a source of constant trouble or irritation — **thorn'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

**thor·ough** (thɜr'ō) **adj.** [var. of THROUGH] 1 omitting nothing; complete 2 absolute [*a thorough rascal*] 3 very exact, accurate, or painstaking — **thor'ough·ly adv.** — **thor'ough·ness n.**

**thor·ough·bred** (thɜr'ō bred', thɜr'ə-) **adj.** of pure stock; pedigreed — **n.** [T-] any of a breed of light horse developed primarily for racing

**thor'ough·fare'** (-fer') *n.* a public street open at both ends, esp. a main highway

**thor'ough·go·ing adj.** very thorough

**those** (thōz) *pron., adj. pl. of THAT*

**thou** (thou) *pron., pl. you or ye* [OE *thu*] [Archaic] you: in poetic or religious use

**though** (thō) **conj.** [OE *theah*] 1 in spite of the fact that [*though it rained, he went*] 2 and yet [*they can win, though no one thinks so*] 3 even if [*though he may fail, he will have tried*] — **adv.** however; nevertheless [*she sings well, though*]

**thought<sup>1</sup>** (thôt) *n.* [OE *thoht*] 1 the act or process of thinking 2 the power of reasoning 3 an idea, concept, etc. 4 attention; consideration 5 mental concentration [*deep in thought*]

**thought<sup>2</sup>** (thôt) **vt., vi. pt. & pp. of THINK**

**thought'ful adj.** 1 full of thought; meditative 2 considerate of others — **thought'ful·ly adv.** — **thought'ful·ness n.**

**thought'less adj.** 1 not stopping to think; careless 2 ill-considered; rash 3 inconsiderate — **thought'less·ly adv.** — **thought'less·ness n.**

**thou·sand** (thou'zənd) *n., adj.* [OE *thusend*] ten hundred; 1,000; M — **thou'sandth (-zəndth) adj., n.**

**thrall** (thrôl) *n.* [ < ON *thræll*] 1 [Now Chiefly Literary] a slave 2 the condition of being dominated or enslaved, esp. psychologically: now used chiefly in hold in thrall — **thrall'dom or thral'dom (-dəm) n.**

**thrash** (thrash) **vt., vi.** [OE *therscan*] 1 THRESH 2 to beat; flog 3 to toss about



violently 4 to defeat overwhelmingly  
—**thrash out** to settle by detailed discussion

**thrash'er** *n.* [E dial. *thresher*] a thrush-like American songbird

**thread** (*thred*) *n.* [OE *thræd*] 1 a fine, stringlike length of spun cotton, silk, nylon, etc. used in sewing 2 any thin line, vein, etc. 3 something like a thread in its length, sequence, etc. [the *thread* of a story] 4 the spiral ridge of a screw, nut, etc. —**vt.** 1 to put a thread through (a needle, etc.) 2 to make (one's way) by twisting, weaving, etc. 3 to fashion a THREAD (sense 4) on or in (a screw, pipe, etc.)

**thread'bare** *adj.* 1 worn down so that the threads show [a *threadbare* rug] 2 wearing worn clothes; shabby 3 stale; trite

**threat** (*thret*) *n.* [OE *threat*, pressure] 1 an expression of intention to hurt, destroy, punish, etc. 2 an indication of, or a source of, imminent danger, harm, etc.

**threat'en** *vt., vi.* 1 to make threats, as of injury (against) 2 to indicate the likely occurrence of (something dangerous, unpleasant, etc.) 3 to be a source of danger (to)

**three** (*thrē*) *adj., n.* [OE *threo*] one more than two; 3; III

**three'-deck'er** (*-dek'ər*) *n.* anything having three levels, layers, etc.

**three'-di-men'sion-al** *adj.* having or seeming to have depth or thickness

**three'fold** *adj.* 1 having three parts 2 having three times as much or as many —**adv.** three times as much or as many

**three R's** reading, writing, and arithmetic, regarded as the fundamentals of an education: with *the*

**three-score** (*thrē'skôr'*) *adj., n.* sixty

**thren-o-dy** (*thren'ə dē*) *n., pl. -dies* [ < Gr *thrēnos*, lamentation + *ōidē*, song] a song of lamentation; dirge

**thresh** (*thresh*) *vt., vi.* [ME *threschen*: see THRASH] 1 to beat out (grain) from (husks), as with a flail 2 THRASH — **thresh'er** *n.*

**thresh-old** (*thresh'öld', -höld'*) *n.* [OE *therscwold*] 1 a length of wood, stone, etc. along the bottom of a doorway 2 the beginning point

**threw** (*thrō*) *vt., vi. pt. of* THROW

**thrice** (*thris*) *adv.* [OE *thriwa*] 1 three times 2 threefold

**thrift** (*thrift*) *n.* [ < ON *thrifa*, to grasp] economy; frugality —**thrift'less** *adj.* —**thrift'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.** —**thrift'i-ly** *adv.* —**thrift'i-ness** *n.*

**thrift shop** a store where castoff clothes, etc. are sold to raise money for charity

**thrill** (*thril*) *vi., vt.* [ < OE *thurh*, through] 1 to feel or cause to feel emotional excitement 2 to quiver or cause to quiver —*n.* a thrilling or being thrilled —**thrill'er** *n.*

**thrive** (*thriv*) *vi.* thrived or throve, thrived or thriv-en (*thriv'ən*); **thriv'ing** [ < ON *thrifa*, to grasp] 1 to prosper or flourish; be successful 2 to grow vigorously or luxuriantly

**throat** (*thrōt*) *n.* [OE *throta*] 1 the front part of the neck 2 the upper part of the passage from the mouth and nose to the stomach and lungs 3 any narrow passage

**throat'y** *adj. -i-er, -i-est* 1 produced in the throat: said of some sounds 2 husky; hoarse

**throb** (*thrāb*) *vi.* **throbbed, throb'bing** [ME *throbben*] 1 to beat, pulsate, vibrate, etc., esp. strongly or fast 2 to feel excitement —*n.* 1 a throbbing 2 a strong beat or pulsation

**throe** (*thrō*) *n.* [prob. < OE *thrawu*, pain] a spasm or pang of pain: *usually used in pl.* [the *throes* of childbirth, death *throes*] —**in the throes of** in the act of struggling with (a problem, task, etc.)

**throm·bose** (*thrām'bōs', -bōz'*) *vt., vi. -bosed', -bos'ing* to clot or become clotted with a thrombus

**throm·bo·sis** (*thrām'bō'sis*) *n.* [ < Gr *thrombos*, a clot] coagulation of the blood in the heart or a blood vessel, forming a clot

**throm·bus** (*thrām'bəs*) *n. -bi' (-bī')* [see prec.] the clot attached at the site of thrombosis

**throne** (*thrōn*) *n.* [ < Gr *thronos*, a seat] 1 the chair on which a king, cardinal, etc. sits on formal occasions 2 the power or rank of a king, etc.

**throng** (*thrōŋ*) *n.* [OE *thringan*, to crowd] 1 a crowd 2 any great number of things considered together —**vi.** to gather together in a throng —**vt.** to crowd into

**throt-tle** (*thrät'əl*) *n.* [prob. dim. of THROAT] the valve, or its control lever or pedal, that regulates the amount of fuel vapor entering an engine —**vt. -tled, -tling** 1 to choke; strangle 2 to censor or suppress 3 to slow by means of a throttle

**through** (*thrō*) *prep.* [OE *thurh*] 1 in one side and out the other side of 2 in the midst of; among 3 by way of 4 around [touring *through* France] 5 *a)* from the beginning to the end of *b)* up to and including 6 by means of 7 as a result of [done *through* error] —**adv.** 1 in one side and out the other 2 from the beginning to the end 3 completely to the end [to see something *through*] 4 completely [soaked *through*]: also **through and through** —**adj.** 1 extending from one place to another [a *through* street] 2 traveling to the destination without stops [a *through* train] 3 finished [through with the job]

**through-out** *prep.* all the way through —**adv.** in every part; everywhere

**through'way** *n. alt. sp. of* THRUWAY: see EXPRESSWAY

**throve** (*thrōv*) *vi. alt. pt. of* THRIVE

**throw** (*thrō*) *vt.* **threw, thrown, throw'ing** [OE *throwan*, to twist] 1 to send through the air by a rapid motion of the arm, etc. 2 to cause to fall; upset 3 to send rapidly [to *throw* troops into battle] 4 to put suddenly into a specified state, etc. [throw into confusion] 5



to move (a switch, etc.) so as to connect, disconnect, etc. 6 to direct, cast, etc. [*throw a glance*] 7 [Inf.] to lose (a game, etc.) deliberately 8 [Inf.] to give (a party, etc.) 9 [Inf.] to confuse or disconcert [*the question threw him*] 10 [Inf.] to have (a tantrum, etc.) —*vi.* to cast or hurl something —*n.* 1 the act of one who throws 2 the distance something is or can be thrown [*a stone's throw*] 3 a spread for a bed, etc. —**throw away** 1 to discard 2 to waste —**throw in** to add on free or add to others —**throw off** 1 to rid oneself of 2 to mislead or confuse 3 to expel, emit, etc. —**throw oneself at** to try very hard to win the love of —**throw out** 1 to discard 2 to reject or remove —**throw over** 1 to give up; abandon 2 to jilt —**throw together** to assemble hurriedly —**throw up** to vomit —**throw'er** *n.*

**throw'a-way** *n.* a leaflet, handbill, etc. given out on the streets, from house to house, etc. —*adj.* for discarding after use

**throw'back** *n.* (a) reversion to an earlier or more primitive type

**throw rug** SCATTER RUG

**thru** (thrō) *prep., adv., adj. informal sp. of THROUGH*

**thrush** (thrush) *n.* [OE *thrysce*] any of a family of songbirds, including the robin

**thrust** (thrust) *vt., vi.* **thrust, thrust'ing** [OE *thrysta*] 1 to push with sudden force 2 to stab 3 to force or impose —*n.* 1 a sudden, forceful push 2 a stab 3 continuous pressure, as of a rafter against a wall 4 *a*) the driving force of a propeller *b*) the forward force produced by a jet or rocket engine 5 forward movement 6 the basic meaning; point

**thru-way** (thrō'wā') *n.* EXPRESSWAY

**Thu-cyd-i-des** (thō sid'i dēz') 460?-400? B.C.; Athenian historian

**thud** (thud) *vi.* **thud'ded, thud'ding** [prob. < OE *thyddan*, to strike] to hit or fall with a dull sound —*n.* a dull sound, as of an object dropping on a soft surface

**thug** (thug) *n.* [Hindi *thag*, swindler] a brutal hoodlum, gangster, etc. —**thug'gish** *adj.*

**thumb** (thum) *n.* [OE *thuma*] the short, thick digit of the hand —*vt.* 1 to handle, soil, etc. as with the thumb 2 [Inf.] to solicit or get (a ride) in hitchhiking by signaling with the thumb —**all thumbs** clumsy —**under someone's thumb** under someone's influence

**thumb'nail** *n.* the nail of the thumb —*adj.* very small, brief, or concise

**thumb'screw** *n.* 1 a screw that can be turned by the thumb and forefinger 2 a former instrument of torture for squeezing the thumbs

**thumb'tack** *n.* a tack with a wide, flat head that can be pressed into a board, etc. with the thumb

**thump** (thump) *n.* [echoic] 1 a blow with something heavy and blunt 2 the dull sound made by such a blow —*vt.* to strike with a thump —*vi.* 1 to hit or

fall with a thump 2 to make a dull, heavy sound

**thump'ing** *adj.* 1 that thumps 2 [Inf.] very large; whopping

**thun-der** (thun'dər) *n.* [OE *thunor*] 1 the sound following a flash of lightning 2 any similar sound —*vi.* to produce thunder or a sound like this —*vt.* to say very loudly —**thun'der-ous** *adj.*

**thun'der-bolt** *n.* 1 a flash of lightning and the accompanying thunder 2 something sudden and shocking, as bad news

**thun'der-clap** *n.* a clap, or loud crash, of thunder

**thun'der-cloud** *n.* a storm cloud charged with electricity and producing lightning and thunder

**thun'der-head** *n.* a round mass of cumulus clouds appearing before a thunderstorm

**thun'der-show'er** *n.* a shower accompanied by thunder and lightning

**thun'der-storm** *n.* a storm accompanied by thunder and lightning

**thun'der-struck** *adj.* struck with amazement, terror, etc.: also **thun'der-strick'en** (-stri'ən)

**Thurs-day** (thürz'dā) *n.* [OE *Thorsdagr*, Thor's day] the fifth day of the week: abbrev. **Thur** or **Thurs**

**thus** (thus) *adv.* [OE] 1 in this or that manner 2 to this or that degree or extent 3 therefore 4 for example

**thwack** (thwak) *vt., n.* [prob. echoic] WHACK

**thwart** (thwôrt) *n.* [OE *thwert*, transverse] a seat across a boat —*vt.* to obstruct, frustrate, or defeat (a person, plans, etc.)

**thy** (thī) *poss. pronominal adj.* [OE *thin*] archaic or poet. var. of YOUR

**thyme** (tīm) *n.* [Gr *thymon*] an herb of the mint family, with leaves used for seasoning

**thy-mo-sin** (thī'mə sin) *n.* [Gr *thymos*, thymus] a hormone secreted by the thymus that stimulates the immune system

**thy-mus** (thī'məs) *n.* [Gr *thymos*] an endocrine gland situated near the throat: also **thymus gland**

**thy-roid** (thī'roid') *adj.* [Gr *thyreos*, large shield] designating or of a large endocrine gland near the trachea, secreting a hormone that regulates growth —*n.* 1 the thyroid gland 2 an animal extract of this gland, used in treating goiter

**thy-self** (thī self') *pron.* [Archaic] reflexive or intensive form of THOU

**ti** (tē) *n.* Music the seventh tone of the diatonic scale

**Ti** Chem. symbol for titanium

**Ti-a Jua-na** (tē'ə wā'nə) former name for TIJUANA

**Tian-jin** (tyen'jin') seaport in NE China: pop. 5,152,000

**ti-ar-a** (tē er'ə, -ar', -är'-) *n.* [Gr] 1 the pope's triple crown 2 a woman's crownlike headdress

**Ti-ber** (tī'bər) river in central Italy, flowing through Rome



**Ti-bet** (ti bet') plateau region of SW China, north of the Himalayas —**Ti-bet'an** *adj.*, *n.*

**tib-i-a** (tib'ē ə) *n.*, *pl.* -i-ae' (-ē ē') or -i-as [[L]] the inner and thicker of the bones of the lower leg

**tic** (tik) *n.* [[Fr < ?]] any involuntary, regularly repeated, spasmodic contraction of a muscle

**tick**<sup>1</sup> (tik) *n.* [[prob. echoic]] 1 a light clicking sound, as of a clock 2 a mark made to check off items —*vi.* to make a tick or ticks —*vt.* to record, mark, or check by ticks —**tick off** [Slang] to make angry

**tick**<sup>2</sup> (tik) *n.* [[OE *ticia*]] a wingless, blood-sucking mite that infests humans, cattle, etc.

**tick**<sup>3</sup> (tik) *n.* [[< ? L *theca*, a cover]] the cloth case of a mattress or pillow

**ticked** (tik) *adj.* [[< TICK OFF]] [Slang] angry

**tick'er** *n.* 1 one that ticks 2 a telegraphic device for recording stock market quotations, etc. on a paper tape (**ticker tape**) 3 [Slang] the heart

**tick-et** (tik'it) *n.* [[< obs. Fr *etiquet*, etiquette]] 1 a printed card, etc. that gives one a right, as to attend a theater 2 a license or certificate 3 a label on merchandise giving size, price, etc. 4 the list of candidates nominated by a political party 5 [Inf.] a summons to court for a traffic violation —*vt.* 1 to label with a ticket 2 to give a ticket to

**tick'ing** *n.* strong cloth, often striped, used for casings of pillows, etc.

**tick-le** (tik'əl) *vt.* -led, -ling [[ME *tikelen*]] 1 to please, gratify, delight, etc. 2 to stroke lightly so as to cause involuntary twitching, laughter, etc. —*vi.* to have or cause an itching or tingling sensation —*n.* a sensation of being tickled

**tick-ler** (tik'lər) *n.* a pad, file, etc. for noting matters to be remembered

**tick'lish** (-lish) *adj.* 1 sensitive to tickling 2 needing careful handling; precarious; delicate

**tick-tack-toe** or **tic-tac-toe** (tik'tak tō') *n.* a game for two, each marking X (or O) in turn in a nine-square block so as to complete any one row before the other can

**tick-tock** (tik'täk') *n.* the sound made by a clock or watch

**tid-al** (tid'l) *adj.* of, having, or caused by, a tide or tides

**tidal wave** 1 *nontechnical term* for a tsunami or a similar huge wave caused by strong winds 2 any widespread movement, feeling, etc.

**tid-bit** (tid'bit') *n.* [[dial. *tid*, small object]] a choice bit of food, gossip, etc.

**tid-dly-winks** (tid'lē winks') *n.* [[< ?]] a game in which little disks are snapped into a cup by pressing their edges with a larger disk

**tide** (tid) *n.* [[OE *tid*, time]] 1 a period of time: now only in combination [*Easter-tide*] 2 the alternate rise and fall, about twice a day, of the surface of

oceans, seas, etc., caused by the attraction of the moon and sun 3 something that rises and falls like the tide 4 a stream, trend, etc. —*vi.* **tid'ed**, **tid'ing** to help along temporarily: with *over*

**tid'e-land'** *n.* 1 land uncovered at low tide 2 [*pl.*] loosely, land under the sea within territorial waters of a country

**tid'e-wa'ter** *n.* 1 water that is affected by the tide 2 land that is affected by the tide —*adj.* of or along a tidewater

**ti-dings** (tī'dinz) *pl.n.* [[OE *tidung*]] news; information

**ti-dy** (tī'dē) *adj.* -di-er, -di-est [[<OE *tid*, time]] 1 neat in appearance, arrangement, etc.; orderly 2 [Inf.] rather large [*a tidy sum*] —*vt.*, *vi.* -died, -dy-ing to make tidy: often with *up* —**ti'di-ness** *n.*

**tie** (ti) *vt.* **tied**, **ty'ing** or **tie'ing** [[< OE *teag*, a rope]] 1 to bind, as with string, rope, etc. 2 to knot the laces, etc. of 3 to make (a knot) in 4 to bind in any way 5 to equal the score of, as in a contest —*vi.* to make an equal score, as in a contest —*n.* 1 a string, cord, etc. used to tie things 2 something that connects, binds, etc. 3 a necktie 4 a beam, rod, etc. that holds parts together 5 any of the crossbeams to which the rails of a railroad are fastened 6 a) an equality of scores, etc. b) a contest in which this occurs —*adj.* that has been made equal [*a tie score*] —**tie down** to confine; restrict —**tie up** 1 to wrap up and tie 2 to moor to a dock 3 to obstruct; hinder 4 to cause to be already in use, committed, etc.

**tie'back'** *n.* a band or ribbon used to tie curtains, etc. to one side

**tie'break'er** *n.* an additional game, period of play, etc. used to establish a winner from among those tied at the end of a contest

**tie clasp** a decorative clasp for fastening a necktie to the shirt: also **tie clip**

**tie'-dye'** *n.* a method of dyeing designs on cloth by tying bunches of it so that the dye affects only exposed parts —*vt.* -dyed', -dye'ing to dye in this way

**tie'-in'** *n.* a connection or relationship

**Tien-tsin** (tyen'tsin') a former transliteration of TIANJIN

**tier** (tir) *n.* [[< OFr *tire*, order]] any of a series of rows arranged one above or behind another

**tie rod** a rod connecting certain parts in the steering linkage of a motor vehicle

**tie tack** or **tie tac** a decorative pin fitted into a snap to fasten a necktie to a shirt

**tie-up** (tī'up') *n.* 1 a temporary stoppage of production, traffic, etc. 2 connection or relation

**tiff** (tif) *n.* [[< ?]] a slight quarrel; spat

**Tif-fa-ny** (tif'ə nē) *adj.* [[after L. C. *Tiffany* (1848-1933), U.S. designer]] of a style in stained glass

**ti-ger** (tī'gər) *n.* [[< Gr *tigris*]] 1 a large, fierce Asian cat, having a tawny coat striped with black 2 one who is dynamic, fierce, etc.





TIGER

**tight** (tit) *adj.* [*< OE -thight, strong*] 1 so compact in structure that water, air, etc. cannot pass through 2 drawn, packed, etc. closely together 3 fixed securely; firm 4 fully stretched; taut 5 fitting so closely as to be uncomfortable 6 difficult: esp. in a **tight corner** (or **squeeze**, etc.), a difficult situation 7 showing tension, etc. [*a tight smile*] 8 almost tied [*a tight race*] 9 sharp; abrupt [*a tight turn in the road*] 10 difficult to get; scarce 11 [*Inf.*] stingy 12 [*Slang*] drunk 13 [*Slang*] very familiar —*adv.* 1 securely 2 [*Inf.*] soundly [*sleep tight*] —**sit tight** to keep one's opinion or position and wait —**tight'ly** *adv.* —**tight'ness** *n.*

**tight'en** *vt., vi.* to make or become tight or tighter —**tight'en-er** *n.*

**tight'fist'ed** *adj.* stingy

**tight'fit'ting** *adj.* fitting very tight

**tight'-lipped'** *adj.* secretive

**tight'rope'** *n.* a tightly stretched rope on which acrobats perform

**tights** *pl.n.* a tightly fitting garment for the lower half of the body, as worn by acrobats or dancers

**tight ship** [*Inf.*] an organization as efficient as a well-run ship

**tight'wad'** *n.* [*TIGHT + wad, roll of money*] [*Slang*] a stingy person

**ti-gress** (tī'gris) *n.* a female tiger

**Ti-gris** (tī'gris) river flowing from EC Turkey to a juncture with the Euphrates in SE Iraq

**Ti-jua-na** (tē'ə wā'nə) city in Baja California, NW Mexico, on the U.S. border: official pop. 747,000; actual pop. between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000

**til-de** (til'də) *n.* [*Sp < L titulus, a sign*] a diacritical mark (~)

**tile** (til) *n.* [*< L tegula*] 1 a thin piece of stone, fired clay, etc. used for roofing, flooring, etc. 2 a similar piece of plastic, etc. 3 a drain of earthenware pipe —*vt.* **til'd, til'ing** to cover with tiles

**til'ing** *n.* tiles collectively

**till**<sup>1</sup> (til) *prep., conj.* [*OE til*] UNTIL

**till**<sup>2</sup> (til) *vt., vi.* [*< OE tilian, lit., strive for*] to prepare (land) for raising crops, as by plowing

**till**<sup>3</sup> (til) *n.* [*< ? ME tillen, to draw*] a drawer for keeping money

**till'age** *n.* 1 the tilling of land 2 land that is tilled

**till-er** (til'ər) *n.* [*< ML telarium, a weaver's beam*] a bar or handle for turning a boat's rudder

**tilt** (tilt) *vt.* [*ME tilten, totter*] to cause to slant; tip —*vi.* 1 to slope; incline 2

to charge (*at* an opponent) 3 to take part in a tilt —*n.* 1 a medieval contest in which two horsemen fight with lances 2 any spirited contest 3 a slope —(*at*) **full tilt** at full speed

**tilt'-top'** *adj.* of a table with a hinged top that can be tipped vertically

**tim-bale** (tim'bəl) *n.* [*Fr*] 1 chicken, lobster, etc. in a cream sauce, baked in a drum-shaped mold 2 a pastry shell, filled with a cooked food

**tim-ber** (tim'bər) *n.* [*OE*] 1 wood for building houses, ships, etc. 2 a wooden beam used in building 3 trees collectively —**tim'bered** *adj.*

**tim'ber-line'** *n.* the line above or beyond which trees do not grow, as on mountains

**tim-bre** (tam'bər, tim'-) *n.* [*< OFr, kind of drum*] the quality of sound that distinguishes one voice or musical instrument from another

**time** (tīm) *n.* [*OE tima*] 1 every moment there has ever been or ever will be 2 a system of measuring duration [*standard time*] 3 the period during which something exists, happens, etc. 4 [*often pl.*] a period of history; age, era, etc. 5 [*usually pl.*] prevailing conditions [*times are good*] 6 a set period or term, as of work, confinement, etc. 7 standard rate of pay 8 rate of speed in marching, driving, etc. 9 a precise or designated instant, moment, day, etc. 10 an occasion or repeated occasion [*the fifth time it's been on TV*] 11 *Music* a) rhythm as determined by the grouping of beats into measures b) tempo 12 *Sports* TIMEOUT —*vt.* **tim'd, tim'ing** 1 to arrange the time of so as to be suitable, opportune, etc. 2 to adjust, set, etc. so as to coincide in time [*time our watches*] 3 to calculate the pace, speed, etc. of —*adj.* 1 having to do with time 2 set to explode, open, etc. at a given time [*a time bomb*] 3 having to do with paying in installments —**ahead of time** early —**at the same time** however —**at times** occasionally —**do time** [*Inf.*] to serve a prison term —**for the time being** temporarily —**from time to time** now and then —**in time** 1 eventually 2 before it is too late 3 keeping the set tempo, pace, etc. —**make time** to travel, work, etc. rapidly —**on time** 1 at the appointed time 2 for or by payment by installments —**time after time** again and again: also **time and again**

**time clock** a clock with a mechanism for recording the time an employee begins and ends a work period

**time exposure** a photograph taken by exposure of a film or plate for a relatively long period

**time frame** a given period of time

**time'-hon'ored** *adj.* honored because of long existence or usage

**time'keep'er** *n.* one who keeps account of hours worked by employees or of the elapsed time in races, games, etc.

**time'-lapse'** *adj.* of filming a slow process by exposing single frames at long intervals: the film is projected at regular speed, showing the process greatly speeded up



**time'less** *adj.* 1 eternal 2 always valid or true

**time'line'** *n.* a chronological chart or list of events, dates, plans, etc.

**time'ly** *adj.* -li-er, -li-est well-timed; opportune —**time'li-ness** *n.*

**time machine** in science fiction, a device for conveying a person into the past or the future

**time'out'** *n.* Sports any temporary suspension of play

**time'piece'** *n.* any device for measuring and recording time, as a clock or watch

**tim·er** (tīm'ər) *n.* a device for controlling the timing of some mechanism

**time'-re·lease'** *adj.* releasing active ingredients gradually

**times** (tīmz) *prep.* multiplied by

**time sharing** 1 a system for simultaneous computer use at many remote sites 2 a system for sharing ownership of a vacation home, etc., with each joint purchaser occupying the unit at a specific time each year: also **time share**

**time sheet** a sheet on which are recorded the hours an employee works

**time'ta'ble** *n.* a schedule of the times of arrival and departure of airplanes, trains, buses, etc.

**time'-test'ed** *adj.* having value proved by long use or experience

**time warp** displacement from one point in time to another, as in science fiction

**time'worn'** *adj.* 1 worn out by long use 2 hackneyed; trite

**time zone** see STANDARD TIME

**tim·id** (tīm'id) *adj.* [*< L timere, to fear*] lacking self-confidence; shy; fearful; hesitant —**ti·mid·i·ty** (tə mid'ə tē) *n.* —**tim'id·ly** *adv.*

**tim·ing** (tīm'in) *n.* the regulation of pace or speed as it affects performance

**tim·or·ous** (tīm'ər es) *adj.* [*< L timor, fear*] full of fear; timid; afraid

**tim·o·thy** (tīm'ə thē) *n.* [after a Timothy Hanson, c. 1720] a perennial grass with dense spikes, grown for hay

**tim·pa·ni** (tīm'pə nē) *pl.n., sing. -no' (-nō')* [It: see TYMPANUM] [often with *sing. v.*] kettledrums; esp., a set of them played by one performer —**tim'pa·nist** *n.*

**tin** (tin) *n.* [OE] 1 a soft, silver-white, metallic chemical element 2 TIN PLATE 3 a) a pan, box, etc. made of tin plate b) [Chiefly Brit.] CAN<sup>2</sup> (*n.* 2, 3) Various used to connote cheapness, etc. of something —**vt. tinned, tin'ning** 1 to plate with tin 2 [Chiefly Brit.] CAN<sup>2</sup> (*vt.* 1)

**tin can** CAN<sup>2</sup> (*n.* 2)

**tinc·ture** (tɪŋk'chər) *n.* [*< L tingere, to dye*] 1 a light color; tinge 2 a slight trace 3 a dilute solution of a medicinal substance in alcohol —**vt. -tured, -tur·ing** to tinge

**tin·der** (tɪn'dər) *n.* [OE *tynder*] any dry, easily flammable material

**tin'der·box'** *n.* 1 [Obs.] a box to hold tinder 2 a highly flammable building, etc. 3 a potential source of war, rebellion, etc.

**tine** (tɪn) *n.* [OE *tind*] a slender, projecting point; prong [fork *tines*]

**tin'foil'** *n.* 1 tin in thin sheets 2 aluminum in thin sheets, used for wrapping food, etc.

**tinge** (tɪŋj) *n.* [see TINT] 1 a slight coloring; tint 2 a slight trace, flavor, etc. —**vt. tinged, tinge'ing or ting'ing** to give a tinge to

**tin·gle** (tɪŋ'gəl) *vi.* -gled, -gling [var. of TINKLE] to have a prickling or stinging feeling, as from cold, excitement, etc. —*n.* this feeling —**tin'gly** *adj.*

**tin·ker** (tɪŋk'ər) *n.* [ME *tinkere*] 1 one who mends pots, pans, etc. 2 a bungler —*vi.* 1 to attempt clumsily to mend something 2 to putter

**tin·kle** (tɪŋk'əl) *vi.* -kled, -kling [echoic] to make a series of light sounds as of a tiny bell —**vt.** to cause to tinkle —*n.* a tinkling sound

**tin·ny** (tɪn'ē) *adj.* -ni-er, -ni-est 1 of or like tin 2 not well-made 3 high-pitched and lacking resonance [tinny music] —**tin'ni-ness** *n.*

**tin plate** thin sheets of iron or steel plated with tin

**tin·sel** (tɪn'səl) *n.* [*< L scintilla, a spark*] 1 thin strips of tin, metal foil, etc., as for decoration 2 something of little worth that glitters

**tin'smith'** *n.* one who works in tin or tin plate

**tint** (tɪnt) *n.* [*< L tingere, to dye*] 1 a pale color 2 a gradation of a color; shade 3 a hair dye —**vt.** to give a tint to

**tin·tin·nab·u·la·tion** (tɪn'ti nab'yō lā' shən) *n.* [*< L tintinnabulum, little bell*] the ringing sound of bells

**tin·type** (tɪn'tɪp') *n.* an old kind of photograph taken directly as a positive print on a treated plate of tin or iron

**ti·ny** (tɪ'nē) *adj.* -ni-er, -ni-est [*< ME tine, n., a little*] very small

**-tion** (shən) [*< Fr < L*] *suffix* 1 the act of \_\_\_ing 2 the state of being \_\_\_ed 3 the thing that is \_\_\_ed

**-tious** (shəs) *suffix* of, having, or characterized by

**tip<sup>1</sup>** (tɪp) *n.* [ME *tippe*] 1 the point or end of something 2 something attached to the end, as a cap, etc. —**vt. tipped, tip'ping** 1 to form a tip on 2 to cover the tip of

**tip<sup>2</sup>** (tɪp) *vt.* tipped, tip'ping [*< ?*] 1 to strike lightly and sharply 2 to give a gratuity to (a waiter, etc.) 3 [Inf.] to give secret information to: often with *off* —*vi.* to give a tip or tips —*n.* 1 a light, sharp blow 2 a piece of confidential information 3 a hint, warning, etc. 4 a gratuity —**tip one's hand** [Slang] to reveal a secret, one's plans, etc., often without meaning to —**tip'per** *n.*

**tip<sup>3</sup>** (tɪp) *vt., vi.* tipped, tip'ping [ME *tipen*] 1 to overturn or upset: often with *over* 2 to tilt or slant —*n.* a tilt; slant

**tip'-off'** *n.* a tip; confidential disclosure, hint, or warning

**tip·ple** (tɪp'əl) *vi., vt.* -pled, -pling [*< ?*] to drink (alcoholic liquor) habitually —**tip'pler** *n.*



**tip·ster** (tip'stər) *n.* [Inf.] one who sells tips, as on horse races or the stock market

**tip·sy** (tip'sē) *adj.* -si-er, -si-est 1 that tips easily; not steady 2 somewhat drunk —**tip'si-ly** *adv.*

**tip'toe'** *vi.* -toed', -toe'ing to walk carefully, with the heels raised —**on tiptoe** 1 standing with the heels raised 2 excited, alert, etc. 3 silently and stealthily

**tip'top'** *n.* [TIP<sup>1</sup> + TOP<sup>1</sup>] the highest point —*adj., adv.* 1 at the highest point 2 [Inf.] at the highest point of excellence, health, etc.

**ti·rade** (tī'rād') *n.* [ < It *tirare*, to fire ] a long, vehement speech or denunciation; harangue

**tire**<sup>1</sup> (tīr) *vt., vi.* tired, tir'ing [OE *tiorian*] to make or become weary, exhausted, bored, etc.

**tire**<sup>2</sup> (tīr) *n.* [ME *tyre*] 1 a hoop of iron or rubber around the wheel of a vehicle 2 an inflatable, vulcanized rubber or synthetic casing sealed to a wheel rim by air pressure

**tired** (tīrd) *adj.* 1 weary 2 hackneyed —**tired'ly** *adv.* —**tired'ness** *n.*

**tire iron** a crowbar with a built-in wrench, for changing automobile tires

**tire'less** *adj.* persistent, unwavering, etc. —**tire'less-ly** *adv.* —**tire'less-ness** *n.*

**tire'some** (-səm) *adj.* 1 tiring; boring 2 annoying —**tire'some-ly** *adv.* —**tire'some-ness** *n.*

**Ti·rol** (ti rōl', -rāl') E Alpine region in W Austria & N Italy —**Ti-ro-le-an** (ti rō'lē ən, tī-) *adj., n.*

**'tis** (tiz) *contr.* [Old Poet.] it is

**tis·sue** (tish'oo) *n.* [ < L *texere*, to weave ] 1 light, thin cloth 2 an interwoven mass; mesh; web 3 a piece of soft, absorbent paper, used as a disposable handkerchief, etc. 4 TISSUE PAPER 5 the substance of an organic body, consisting of cells and intercellular material

**tissue paper** very thin wrapping paper

**tit**<sup>1</sup> (tit) *n.* a titmouse

**tit**<sup>2</sup> (tit) *n.* [OE] 1 NIPPLE (sense 1) 2 a breast: in this sense now vulgar

**ti·tan** (tīt'n) *n.* [ < Gr *Titan*, a giant deity ] any person or thing of great size or power

**ti·tan·ic** (tī tan'ik) *adj.* of great size, strength, or power

**ti·ta·ni·um** (tī tā'nē əm) *n.* [see TITAN] a silvery or dark-gray, metallic chemical element used in manufacturing

**tit for tat** [var. of earlier *tip for tap*] this for that: phrase indicating retribution

**tithe** (tīth) *n.* [OE *teothe*, a tenth] a tenth of one's income paid to a church —*vi.* tithed, tith'ing to pay a tithe

**ti·tian** (tish'ən) *n.* [after *Titian* (1490?-1576), Venetian painter] reddish gold

**tit·il·late** (tit'īl āt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [ < L *titillare*, tickle ] to excite pleasurably —**tit'il-la'tion** *n.*

**ti·tle** (tīt'l) *n.* [ < L *titulus* ] 1 the name of a book, poem, picture, etc. 2 an epi-

thet 3 an appellation indicating one's rank, profession, etc. 4 a claim 5 *Film, TV* a subtitle, credit, etc. 6 *Law a)* a right to ownership, esp. of real estate *b)* a deed 7 *Sports, etc.* a championship —*vt.* -tled, -tling to give a title to

**ti'tled** *adj.* having a title, esp. of nobility

**ti'tle·hold'er** *n.* the holder of a title; specif., the champion in some sport

**title role** (or **character**) the character in a play, film, etc. whose name is used as or in its title

**ti·tlist** (tīt'l ist) *n.* a champion in some sport

**tit·mouse** (tit'mous') *n., pl.* -mice' (-mīs') [ME *titemose*] a small bird with ashy-gray feathers

**tit·ter** (tit'ər) *vi.* [echoic] to laugh in a half-suppressed way; giggle —*n.* a tittering

**tit·tle** (tit'l) *n.* [ME *title*] a very small particle; jot

**tit·u·lar** (tich'ə lər, tit'yə-) *adj.* [see TITLE] 1 of a title 2 having a title 3 in name only [a *titular* sovereign]

**tiz·zy** (tiz'ē) *n., pl.* -zies [ < ? ] [Inf.] a state of frenzied excitement

**tko** or **TKO** *n.* *Boxing* a technical knock-out

**TLC** *abbrev.* tender, loving care

**TM** *abbrev.* trademark

**tn** *abbrev.* ton(s)

**TN** Tennessee

**TNT** *n.* [t(ri)n(itro)t(oluene)] a high explosive used for blasting, etc.

**to** (tōo, too, tə) *prep.* [OE] 1 toward [turn *to* the left] 2 so as to reach [she went *to* Boston] 3 as far as [wet *to* the skin] 4 into a condition of [a rise *to* fame] 5 *a)* on, onto, against, at, etc. [tied *to* a post] *b)* in front of [face *to* face] 6 *a)* until [from noon *to* night] *b)* before [the time is ten *to* six] 7 for the purpose of [come *to* dinner] 8 in regard to [open *to* attack] 9 with the result of producing [torn *to* bits] 10 along with [add this *to* the rest] 11 belonging with [a key *to* the house] 12 as compared with [a score of 10 *to* 0] 13 in agreement with [not *to* my taste] 14 constituting [four quarts *to* a gallon] 15 with (a specified person or thing) as the recipient of the action [give it *to* me] 16 in honor of [a toast *to* you] 17 by [known *to* me] *To* is also a sign of the infinitive (Ex.: I want *to* stay) —*adv.* 1 forward [wrong side *to*] 2 shut; closed [pull the door *to*] 3 into a state of consciousness [the boxer came *to*] 4 at hand [we were close *to* when it happened] —**to** and **fro** first in one direction and then in the opposite

**toad** (tōd) *n.* [OE *tadde*] a froglike amphibian that lives on moist land

**toad'stool'** (-stool') *n.* a mushroom; esp., any poisonous mushroom

**toad·y** (tō'dē) *n., pl.* -ies [short for *toad-eater*, quack doctor's assistant] a servile flatterer —*vt., vi.* -ied, -y-ing to be a toady (to)

**toast**<sup>1</sup> (tōst) *vt.* [ < L *torrere*, parch ] 1 to brown the surface of (bread, cheese, etc.) by heating 2 to warm thoroughly —*vi.* to become toasted —*n.* sliced



bread made brown and crisp by heat —  
**toast'er** *n.*

**toast**<sup>2</sup> (tōst) *n.* [from the use of toasted spiced bread to flavor the wine] 1 a drink, or a proposal to drink, in honor of some person, etc. 2 someone greatly admired or acclaimed [the *toast* of Broadway] —*vt., vi.* to propose or drink a toast (to)

**toast'mas'ter** *n.* the person at a banquet who proposes toasts, introduces after-dinner speakers, etc.

**toast'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est warm and comfortable or cozy

**to·bac·co** (tə bak'ō) *n., pl. -cos* [Sp *tabaco* < ?] 1 a plant with large leaves that are prepared for smoking, chewing, etc. 2 cigars, cigarettes, etc.

**to·bac·co·nist** (tə bak'ə nist) *n.* [Chiefly Brit.] a dealer in tobacco

**to·bog·gan** (tə bæg'an) *n.* [< AmInd] a long, flat sled without runners, for coasting downhill —*vi.* 1 to coast on a toboggan 2 to decline rapidly

**toc·ca·ta** (tə kät'ə) *n.* a musical work in free style for the organ, piano, etc., often a prelude to a fugue

**toc·sin** (tək'sin) *n.* [Fr < Prov *toc*, a stroke + *senh*, a bell] an alarm bell or its sound

**to·day** (tə dā') *adv.* [OE *to dæg*] 1 on or during the present day 2 in the present time —*n.* 1 the present day 2 the present time

**tod·dle** (täd'l) *vi.* -dled, -dling [? < *totter*] to walk with short, uncertain steps

**tod'dler** *n.* a very young child, esp. one just learning to walk

**tod·dy** (täd'ē) *n., pl. -dies* [< Hindi] a drink of whiskey, etc. mixed with hot water, sugar, etc.: also **hot toddy**

**to·do** (tə dōō') *n., pl. -dos'* [Inf.] a commotion; fuss

**toe** (tō) *n.* [OE *ta*] 1 *a*) any of the digits of the foot *b*) the forepart of the foot 2 anything like a toe in location, shape, or use —*vt.* **toed**, **toe'ing** to touch, kick, etc. with the toes —*vi.* to stand, walk, etc. with the toes in a specified position [he *toes in*] —**on one's toes** [Inf.] alert —**toe the line** (or mark) to follow orders, rules, etc. strictly

**toed** (tōd) *adj.* having (a specified kind or number of) toes: usually in compounds [two-*toed*]

**toe dance** a dance performed on the tips of the toes, as in ballet —**toe'-dance'**, -danced', -danc'ing, *vi.* —**toe'-danc'er** *n.*

**toe'hold'** *n.* 1 a small space to support the toe in climbing, etc. 2 a slight footing or advantage

**toe'less** *adj.* having the toe open or uncovered [a *toeless shoe*]

**toe'nail'** *n.* the nail of a toe

**tof·fee** or **tof·fy** (tōf'ē, täf'ē) *n.* [< TAFFY] a hard, chewy candy, a kind of taffy

**to·fu** (tō'fō) *n.* [Jpn] a cheeselike food made from soybeans

**to·ga** (tō'gə) *n., pl. -gas* or **-gae** (-jē, -gē) [L < *tegere*, to cover] in ancient Rome, a

loose outer garment worn in public by citizens

**to·geth·er** (tə geth'ər) *adv.* [< OE *to*, to + *gædre*, together]

1 in or into one group, place, etc.

[we ate *together*]

2 in or into contact, union, etc.

[the cars skid-  
ded *together*]

3 considered collectively [he lost more than all of us *together*]

4 at the same time [gunshots fired *together*]

5 in succession [sulk-  
ing for three days *together*]

6 in or into agree-

ment, cooperation, etc. [to get *together* on a deal]

—*adj.* 1 with one another; not apart 2 [Slang] having a harmoniously organized personality

**to·geth'er·ness** *n.* the spending of much time together, as by family members, resulting in a more unified relationship

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**tog·gle switch** (täg'al) a switch consisting of a lever moved back and forth to open or close an electric circuit

**To·go** (tō'gō) country on the W coast of Africa: 21,925 sq. mi.; pop. 2,701,000

**togs** (tägz, tōgz) *pl.n.* [ult. < L *toga*, toga] [Inf.] clothes

**toil** (toil) *vi.* [< L *tudiculare*, to stir about] 1 to work hard and continuously 2 to proceed laboriously —*n.* hard, tiring work —**toil'er** *n.*

**toi·let** (toi'lit) *n.* [< OFr *toile*, cloth < L *tela*, a web] 1 TOILETTE 2 (a room with) a bowl-shaped fixture for defecation or urination

**toilet paper** (or **tissue**) soft paper for cleaning oneself after evacuation

**toi'let·ry** (-lə trē) *n., pl. -ries* soap, lotion, etc. used in grooming oneself

**toi·lette** (twä let', toi-) *n.* [Fr] 1 the process of grooming oneself 2 dress; attire

**toilet water** a lightly scented liquid containing alcohol, applied to the skin after bathing, etc.

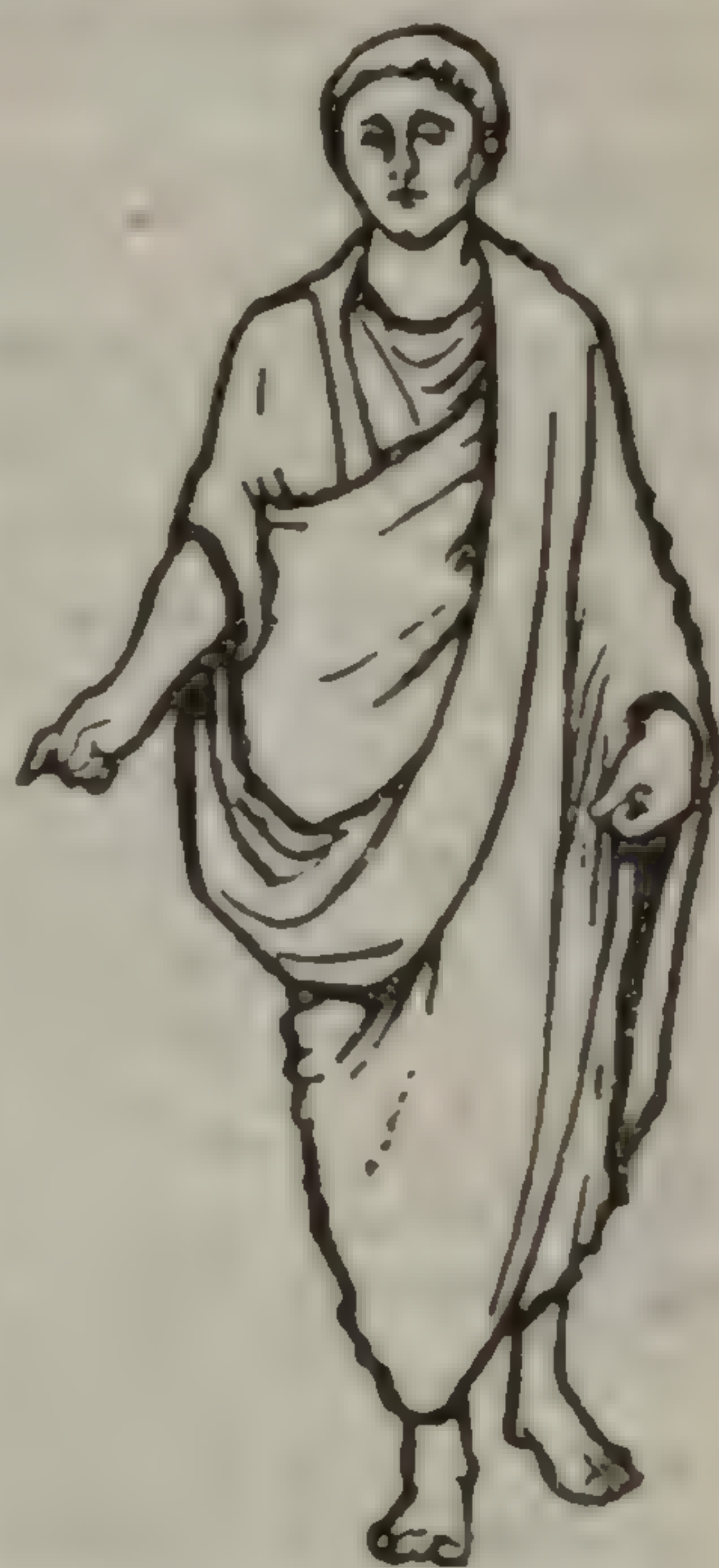
**toils** (toilz) *pl.n.* [< L *tela*, web] any snare suggestive of a net

**toil·some** (toil'səm) *adj.* laborious

**toke** (tōk) [Slang] *n.* [? < fol.] a puff on a cigarette, esp. one of marijuana or hashish —*vi.* **toked**, **tok'ing** to take such a puff

**to·ken** (tō'kən) *n.* [OE *taen*] 1 a sign, indication, symbol, etc. [a *token* of one's affection] 2 a keepsake 3 a metal disk to be used in place of currency, as for transportation fares —*adj.* 1 symbolic 2 merely simulated; slight [*token resist-*  
ance] —**by the same token** for the same reason

**to'ken·ism'** *n.* the making of small,



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often merely formal concessions to a demand, etc.; specif., token integration of blacks, as in jobs

**To·ky·o** (tō'kē ō') capital of Japan, on S Honshu: pop. 8,352,000

**told** (tōld) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of TELL* —all told all things considered

**tole** (tōl) *n.* [Fr *tôle*, sheet iron] a type of lacquered or enameled metalware, usually dark-green, ivory, or black, used for lamps, trays, etc.

**To·le·do** (tə lē'dō) city & port in NW Ohio: pop. 333,000

**tol·er·a·ble** (tāl'ər ə bəl) *adj.* 1 endurable 2 fairly good; passable —**tol'er·a·bly** *adv.*

**tol'er·ance** (-əns) *n.* 1 a being tolerant of others' views, beliefs, practices, etc. 2 the amount of variation allowed from a standard 3 *Med.* the (developed) ability to resist the effects of a drug, etc.

**tol'er·ant** (-ənt) *adj.* having or showing tolerance of others' beliefs, etc.

**tol'er·ate'** (-āt') *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [ < L *tolerare*, to bear] 1 to allow 2 to respect (others' beliefs, practices, etc.) without sharing them 3 to bear (someone or something disliked); put up with 4 *Med.* to have tolerance for —**tol'er·a'tion** *n.*

**toll**<sup>1</sup> (tōl) *n.* [ult. < Gr *telos*, tax] 1 a tax or charge for a privilege, as for the use of a turnpike 2 a charge for service, as for a long-distance telephone call 3 the number lost, etc. [the tornado took a heavy toll of lives]

**toll**<sup>2</sup> (tōl) *vt.* [ME *tollen*, to pull] 1 to ring (a church bell, etc.) with slow, regular strokes 2 to announce, summon, etc. by this —*vi.* to ring slowly: said of a bell —*n.* the sound of a bell tolling

**toll'booth'** *n.* a booth at which a toll is collected, as before entering a toll road

**toll'gate'** *n.* a gate for stopping travel at a point where a toll is collected

**toll road** a road on which a toll must be paid: also **toll'way'** (-wā') *n.*

**Tol·stoy** or **Tol·stoi** (tōl'stoi'), Count Leo (lē'ō) 1828-1910; Russ. novelist

**tol·u·ene** (tāl'yōō ēn') *n.* [Sp *tolu*, after *Tolú*, seaport in Colombia + (BENZ)ENE] a colorless, poisonous liquid obtained from coal tar or petroleum and used in making dyes, explosives, etc.

**tom** (tām) *adj.* [after the name *Tom*] male [a *tomcat*, a *tom turkey*]

**tom·a·hawk** (tām'ə hōk') *n.* [ < AmInd] a light ax used by North American Indians as a tool and a weapon

**to·ma·to** (tə māt'ō, -māt'ō) *n., pl. -toes* [ < AmInd (Mexico)] 1 a red or yellowish fruit with a juicy pulp, used as a vegetable 2 the plant it grows on

**tomb** (tōm) *n.* [ < Gr *tymbos*] a vault or grave for the dead

**tom·boy** (tām'boi') *n.* a girl who behaves like an active boy

**tomb·stone** (tōm'stōn') *n.* a stone or monument marking a tomb or grave

**tom·cat** (tām'kat') *n.* a male cat

**tome** (tōm) *n.* [ < Gr *tomos*, piece cut off]

a book, esp. a large one

**tom·fool·er·y** (tām'fōl'ər ē) *n., pl. -ies* foolish behavior; silliness

**tom·my gun** (tām'ē) [sometimes T-g-] a submachine gun

**to·mog·ra·phy** (tə mäg'rə fē) *n.* [ < Gr *temnein*, to cut + -GRAPHY] an X-ray process for producing an image of a single plane of an object, used in medical diagnosis

**to·mor·row** (tə mār'ō, -môr'-) *adv.* [OE *to morgen*] on the day after today —*n.* the day after today

**tom·tit** (tām tit', tām'tit') *n.* [Chiefly Brit.] a titmouse or other small bird

**tom-tom** (tām'tām') *n.* [Hindi *ṭamṭam*] a simple kind of drum, usually beaten with the hands

**-to·my** (tə mē) [ < Gr < *tomē*, a cutting] combining form a surgical operation

**ton** (tun) *n.* [var. of TUN] 1 a unit of weight equal to 2,000 pounds 2 in Great Britain, a unit of weight equal to 2,240 pounds

**ton·al** (tō'nəl) *adj.* of a tone —**ton'al·ly** *adv.*

**to·nal·i·ty** (tō nal'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* *Music* 1 KEY<sup>1</sup> (*n.* 6) 2 tonal character, as determined by the relationship of the tones to the keynote

**tone** (tōn) *n.* [ < Gr *teinein*, to stretch] 1 a vocal or musical sound, or its quality as to pitch, intensity, etc. 2 a manner of expression showing a certain attitude [a friendly tone] 3 style, character, spirit, etc. 4 elegance 5 a quality of color; shade 6 normal, healthy condition of a muscle, organ, etc. 7 *Music* a) a sound of distinct pitch b) any of the full intervals of a diatonic scale —*vt.* **toned**, **ton'ing** to give a tone to —**tone down** (or **up**) to give a less (or more) intense tone to —**tone'less** *adj.*

**tone'arm'** *n.* the pivoted arm beside a phonograph turntable, holding the stylus

**tone'-deaf'** *adj.* not able to distinguish differences in musical pitch

**ton·er** (tō'nər) *n.* 1 the black or colored powder used to form images in xerography 2 a facial cleanser

**tone row** (or **series**) see TWELVE-TONE

**tong** (tōŋ, tǎŋ) *n.* [Mandarin *t'ang*, meeting place] a Chinese association, society, etc.

**Ton·ga** (tǎŋ'gə) kingdom on a group of islands (Tonga Islands) in the SW Pacific, east of Fiji: 289 sq. mi.; pop. 95,000 —**Ton'gan** *n.*

**tongs** (tōŋz, tǎŋz) *pl.n.* [OE *tange*] [sometimes with *sing. v.*] a device for seizing or lifting objects, having two long arms pivoted or hinged together

**tongue** (tuŋ) *n.* [OE *tunge*] 1 the movable, muscular structure in the mouth, used in eating, tasting, and (in humans) speaking 2 talk; speech 3 the act, power, or manner of speaking 4 a language or dialect 5 something like a tongue in shape, position, use, etc., as the flap under the laces of a shoe —**hold one's tongue** to keep from speaking —**speak in tongues** to utter unintelligible sounds, as while in a religious trance —(with) **tongue in cheek** in a



humorously ironic or insincere way —  
**tongue'less** *adj.*

**tongue'-and-groove'** *joint* a kind of joint in which a projection on one board fits into a groove in another

**tongue'-lash'ing** *n.* [Inf.] a harsh scolding or reproving; reprimand

**tongue'-tied'** *adj.* speechless from amazement, embarrassment, etc.

**tongue twister** a phrase or sentence hard to say fast (Ex: six sick sheiks)

**ton·ic** (tän'ik) *adj.* [see TONE] 1 of or producing good muscular tone 2 *Music* designating or based on a keynote —*n.* 1 anything that invigorates, as a drug or medicine 2 a quinine-flavored beverage served with gin, vodka, etc. 3 *Music* a keynote

**to·night** (tə nīt') *adv.* [OE *to niht*] on or during the present or coming night —*n.* the present or coming night

**ton·nage** (tun'ij) *n.* 1 the total amount of shipping of a country or port, calculated in tons 2 the carrying capacity of a ship, calculated in tons

**ton·sil** (tän'səl) *n.* [L *tonsillae*, pl.] either of a pair of oval masses of tissue at the back of the mouth

**ton·sil·lec·to·my** (tän'sə lek'tə mē) *n.*, *pl.* -mies [prec. + -ECTOMY] the surgical removal of the tonsils

**ton'sil·li'tis** (-lit'is) *n.* [ModL < L *tonsillae*, tonsils + -ITIS] inflammation of the tonsils

**ton·so·ri·al** (tän sôr'ē əl) *adj.* [see fol.] of a barber or barbering: often humorous [a *tonsonial* artist]

**ton·sure** (tän'shər) *n.* [< L *tondere*, to clip] 1 a shaving off of part of the hair of the head, done as a sign of entrance into the clerical or monastic state 2 the head area so shaved

**to·nus** (tō'nəs) *n.* [ModL, ult. < Gr *teinein*, to stretch] the slight, continuous contraction characteristic of a normal relaxed muscle

**ton·y** (tō'nē) *adj.* -i·er, -i·est [Slang] very elegant

**too** (tō) *adv.* [stressed form of TO] 1 in addition; also 2 more than enough [the hat is *too* big] 3 extremely; very [it was just *too* delicious!]

**took** (took) *vt.*, *vi.* *pt.* of TAKE

**tool** (tōl) *n.* [OE *tol*] 1 any hand implement, instrument, etc. used for some work 2 any similar instrument that is the working part of a machine, as a drill 3 anything that serves as a means 4 a stooge —*vt.* to impress designs on (leather, etc.) with a tool —*vi.* to install the tools, equipment, etc. needed: often with *up*

**toot** (tōt) *vi.*, *vt.* [echoic] to sound (a horn, whistle, etc.) in short blasts —*n.* a short blast of a horn, whistle, etc.

**tooth** (tōth) *n.*, *pl.* **teeth** (tēth) [OE *toth*] 1 any of the hard, bonelike structures in the jaws, used for biting, chewing, etc. 2 a toothlike part, as on a saw, comb, gearwheel, etc.; tine, prong, cog, etc. 3 [*pl.*] effective means of enforcement [a law with *teeth*] —**tooth** and **nail** with all one's strength —**toothed** *adj.* —**tooth'less** *adj.*

**tooth'ache'** *n.* pain in a tooth

**tooth'brush'** *n.* a small brush for cleaning the teeth

**tooth'paste'** *n.* a paste used for brushing the teeth

**tooth'pick'** *n.* a very small, pointed stick for getting bits of food free from between the teeth

**tooth powder** a powder used like toothpaste

**tooth'some** (-səm) *adj.* tasty; savory

**tooth'y** *adj.* -i·er, -i·est having or exposing teeth that show prominently —**tooth'i·ly** *adv.*

**top**<sup>1</sup> (tāp) *n.* [OE] 1 the head or crown 2 the highest point or surface of anything 3 the part of a plant above ground 4 the uppermost part or covering, as a lid, cap, etc. 5 the highest degree [at the *top* of his voice] 6 the highest rank [the *top* of the class] —*adj.* of, at, or being the top; highest or foremost —*vt.* **topped**, **top'ping** 1 to take off the top of (a plant, etc.) 2 to provide with a top 3 to be a top for 4 to reach the top of 5 to exceed in amount, etc. 6 to surpass; outdo —**blow one's top** [Slang] to lose one's temper —**on top** successful —**on top of** 1 resting upon 2 besides 3 controlling successfully —**top off** to complete by adding a finishing touch —**top'per** *n.*

**top**<sup>2</sup> (tāp) *n.* [OE] a cone-shaped toy with a point upon which it is spun

**to·paz** (tō'paz') *n.* [< Gr *topazos*] any of various yellow gems, esp. a variety of aluminum silicate

**top brass** [Slang] important officials

**top'coat'** *n.* a lightweight overcoat

**top'-drawer'** (-drôr') *adj.* of first importance

**top'-dress'ing** *n.* material applied to a surface, as fertilizer on land

**To·pe·ka** (tə pē'kə) capital of Kansas: pop. 120,000

**top·er** (tō'pər) *n.* [< archaic *tope*, to drink (much liquor)] a drunkard

**top'-flight'** *adj.* [Inf.] first-rate

**top hat** a man's tall, black, cylindrical silk hat, worn in formal dress

**top'-heavy** *adj.* too heavy at the top, so as to be unstable

**top·ic** (tāp'ik) *n.* [ult. < Gr *topos*, place] the subject of an essay, speech, discussion, etc.

**top'i·cal** *adj.* dealing with topics of the day; of current or local interest

**top'knot'** *n.* a tuft of hair or feathers on the top of the head

**top'less** *adj.* without a top: said as of a costume exposing the breasts

**top·lev·el** (tāp'lev'əl) *adj.* of or by persons of the highest office or rank

**top'mast'** *n.* the second mast above the deck of a sailing ship, supported by the lower mast

**top'most'** *adj.* at the very top

**top'-notch'** *adj.* [Inf.] first-rate; excellent

**to·pog·ra·phy** (tə pāg'rə fē) *n.*, *pl.* -phies [see TOPIC & -GRAPHY] 1 the sci-



ence of representing surface features of a region on maps and charts 2 these surface features —**top-o-graph-ic** (tăp'ə graf'ik) or **top-o-graph'i-cal** *adj.*

**top-ping** (tăp'in) *n.* something put on top of something else, as a sauce on food

**top-ple** (tăp'al) *vi.* -pled, -pling [*<* TOP<sup>1</sup>] to fall top forward; fall (*over*) because top-heavy, etc. —*vt.* to cause to topple; overturn

**top-sail** (tăp'sāl'; *naut.*, -səl) *n.* in a square-rigged vessel, the square sail next above the lowest sail on a mast

**top'-se'cret** *adj.* designating or of the most secret information

**top-side** (tăp'sid') *adv.* on or to an upper deck or the main deck of a ship

**top'soil'** *n.* the upper layer of soil, usually richer than the subsoil

**top-sy-tur-vy** (tăp'sē tər've) *adv.*, *adj.* [*prob. <* *top*, highest part + *ME terven*, to roll] 1 upside down; in a reversed condition 2 in disorder

**toque** (tōk) *n.* [*Fr*] a woman's small, round, usually brimless hat

**To-rah** or **To-ra** (tō'rə, tō'rə) [*occas. t-*] *n.* [*<* Heb, law] 1 the body of Jewish religious literature 2 the Pentateuch

**torch** (tōrch) *n.* [*see* TORQUE] 1 a portable flaming light 2 a device for producing a very hot flame, as in welding 3 [*Brit.*] a flashlight —*vt.* [*Slang*] to set fire to, as in arson

**torch'bear'er** *n.* 1 one who carries a torch 2 *a*) one who brings enlightenment, truth, etc. *b*) an inspirational leader, as in some movement

**torch'light'** *n.* the light of a torch or torches —*adj.* done by torchlight

**torch song** a sentimental song of unrequited love —**torch singer**

**tore** (tōr) *vt.*, *vi.* *pt.* of TEAR<sup>1</sup>

**tor-e-a-dor** (tōr'ē ə dōr') *n.* [*Sp <* *L taurus*, a bull] a bullfighter

**tor-ment** (tōr'ment'; *for v.* tōr ment') *n.* [*OFr <* *L*: *see* TORQUE] 1 great pain or anguish 2 a source of pain, anxiety, etc. —*vt.* 1 to cause great physical pain or mental anguish in 2 to annoy; harass —**tor-ment'ing-ly** *adv.* —**tor-men'tor** or **tor-ment'er** *n.*

**torn** (tōrn) *vt.*, *vi.* *pp.* of TEAR<sup>1</sup>

**tor-na-do** (tōr nă'dō) *n.*, *pl.* -does or -dos [*<* *Sp <* *L tonare*, to thunder] a violently whirling column of air seen as a funnel-shaped cloud that usually destroys everything in its narrow path

**To-ron-to** (tə rānt'ō) capital of Ontario, Canada: pop. 654,000 (met. area, 4,264,000)

**tor-pe-do** (tōr pē'dō) *n.*, *pl.* -does [*<* *L*: *see* fol.] 1 a large, cigar-shaped, self-propelled underwater projectile containing explosives 2 any of various explosive devices —*vt.* -doed, -do-ing to attack, destroy, etc. as with a torpedo

**tor-pid** (tōr'pid) *adj.* [*<* *L torpere*, be numb] 1 dormant or inactive 2 dull; sluggish

**tor'por** (-pər) *n.* [*L*] 1 a torpid state; sluggishness; stupor 2 dullness; apa-

thy

**torque** (tōrk) *n.* [*<* *L torqueré*, to twist] 1 *Physics* a measure of the tendency of a force to cause rotation 2 popularly, the force that acts to produce rotation, as in an automotive vehicle

**tor-rent** (tōr'ənt, tār'-) *n.* [*<* *L torrens*, rushing] 1 a swift, violent stream, esp. of water 2 a flood or rush of words, mail, etc. —**tor-ren-tial** (tō ren'shəl) *adj.*

**tor-rid** (tōr'id, tār'-) *adj.* [*<* *L torrere*, to dry] 1 subjected to intense heat, esp. of the sun; parched 2 very hot; scorching 3 passionate; ardent

**Torrid Zone** the area of the earth's surface between the Tropic of Cancer & the Tropic of Capricorn and divided by the equator

**tor-sion** (tōr'shən) *n.* [*see* TORQUE] 1 a twisting or being twisted 2 the stress produced in a rod, wire, etc. by twisting along a longitudinal axis

**tor-so** (tōr'sō) *n.*, *pl.* -sos or -si (-sē) [*<* *Gr thyrsos*, a stem] the trunk of the human body

**tort** (tōrt) *n.* [*<* *L torquere*, to twist] *Law* a wrongful act or damage (not involving a breach of contract), for which a civil action can be brought

**torte** (tōrt; *Ger* tōr'tə) *n.*, *pl.* tortes or *Ger.* tor-ten (tōr'tən) [*Ger <* *It <* *LL torta*, a twisted bread] a rich cake, as one made of eggs, finely chopped nuts, crumbs, etc.

**tor-tel-li-ni** (tōrt'ə lē'nē) *n.* [*It*] pasta in tiny ring-shaped pieces, filled with meat, etc.

**tor-til-la** (tōr tē'ə) *n.* [*Sp*, dim. of *torta*, a cake] a flat cake of unleavened cornmeal, or of flour

**tor-toise** (tōrt'əs) *n.* [*<* ? *c.* 4th-c. *Gr tartarouchos*, evil demon] a turtle, esp. one that lives on land

**tor'toise-shell'** *n.* 1 the hard, mottled, yellow-and-brown shell of some turtles 2 a synthetic substance resembling this

**tor-to-ni** (tōr tō'nē) *n.* [*prob. alt. <* *It tortone*, lit., big pastry tart] an ice cream made with heavy cream, maraschino cherries, almonds, etc.

**tor-tu-ous** (tōr'chō əs) *adj.* [*see* TORQUE] 1 full of twists, turns, etc.; crooked 2 deceitful or tricky

**tor-ture** (tōr'chər) *n.* [*see* TORQUE] 1 the inflicting of severe pain, as to elicit information or force a confession 2 any severe physical or mental pain; agony —*vt.* -tured, -tur-ing 1 to subject to torture 2 to twist or distort (meaning, etc.) —**tor'tur-er** *n.*

**To-ry** (tōr'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries [*Ir tōruidhe*, robber] 1 after 1689, a member of the major conservative party of England 2 in the American Revolution, one loyal to Great Britain 3 [*often t-*] any extreme conservative

**toss** (tōs, tās) *vt.* [*prob. <* *Scand*] 1 to throw about [*waves tossed the boat*] 2 to throw lightly from the hand 3 to jerk upward [*to toss one's head*] —*vi.* 1 to be thrown about 2 to fling oneself about in sleep, etc. —*n.* a tossing or being tossed

**toss'up'** *n.* 1 the flipping of a coin to decide something 2 an even chance



**tot**<sup>1</sup> (tāt) *n.* [prob. < ON] 1 a young child 2 [Chiefly Brit.] a small drink of alcoholic liquor

**tot**<sup>2</sup> (tāt) *vt., vi.* **tot'ted**, **tot'ting** [Inf., Chiefly Brit.] to total: with *up*

**to-tal** (tōt'əl) *adj.* [*< L totus, all*] 1 constituting a whole 2 complete; utter [a total loss] —*n.* the whole amount; sum —*vt.* -taled or -talled, -tal-ing or -tal-ling 1 to find the total of 2 to add up to 3 [Slang] to demolish —**to'tal-ly** *adv.*

**to-tal-i-tar-i-an** (tō tal'ə ter'ē ən) *adj.* [prec. + (AUTHOR)ITARIAN] designating or of a government in which one political group maintains complete control, esp. under a dictator —*n.* one who favors such a government —**to-tal'i-tar'i-an-ism** *n.*

**to-tal-i-ty** (tō tal'ə tē) *n., pl.* -ties the total amount or sum

**to-tal-i-za-tor** (tōt'əl i zāt'ər) *n.* a machine for registering bets and computing the odds and payoffs, as at a horse race: also **to'tal-iz'er** (-ī'zər) *n.*

**tote** (tōt) *vt.* **tot'ed**, **tot'ing** [*< ?*] [Inf.] to carry or haul —*n.* 1 a small piece of luggage 2 a large, open handbag: in full tote bag

**to-tem** (tōt'əm) *n.* [*< Algonquian*] 1 among some peoples, an animal or natural object taken as the symbol of a family or clan 2 an image of this

**totem pole** a pole carved and painted with totems by Indian tribes of NW North America

**tot-ter** (tāt'ər) *vi.* [prob. < Scand] 1 to rock as if about to fall 2 to be unsteady on one's feet; stagger

**tou-can** (tōō'kan') *n.* [*< AmInd (Brazil)*] a brightly colored bird of tropical America, with a very large beak

**touch** (tuch) *vt.* [*< OFr tochie*] 1 to put the hand, etc. on, so as to feel 2 to bring (something), or come, into contact with (something else) 3 to border on 4 to strike lightly 5 to give a light tint, aspect, etc. to [*touched* with pink] 6 to handle; use 7 to come up to; reach 8 to compare with; equal 9 to affect; concern 10 to arouse sympathy, gratitude, etc. in 11 [Slang] to seek a loan or gift of money from —*vi.* 1 to touch a person or thing 2 to be or come in contact 3 to verge (*on* or *upon*) 4 to pertain; bear (*on* or *upon*) 5 to treat in passing: with *on* or *upon* —*n.* 1 a touching or being touched; specif., a light tap 2 the sense by which physical objects are felt 3 a special quality or skill 4 a subtle change or addition in a painting, story, etc. 5 a trace, tinge, etc. 6 a slight attack [a touch of the flu] 7 contact or communication [keep in touch] 8 [Slang] the act of seeking or getting a



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loan or gift of money 9 *Music* the manner of striking the keys of a piano, etc. —**touch down** to land: said of an aircraft or spacecraft —**touch up** to improve by minor changes

**touch'-and-go** *adj.* uncertain, risky, etc.

**touch'down** *n.* 1 the moment at which an aircraft or spacecraft lands 2 *Football* a play, scoring six points, in which a player carries, catches, or recovers the ball past the opponent's goal line

**tou-ché** (tōō shā') *interj.* [Fr] touched: said when one's opponent in fencing scores a point, or as to acknowledge a clever retort

**touched** (tucht) *adj.* 1 emotionally affected; moved 2 slightly demented

**touch'ing** *adj.* arousing tender emotions; moving

**touch'stone** *n.* 1 a stone formerly used to test the purity of gold or silver 2 any test of genuineness

**touch'-type** *vi.* -typed', -typ'ing to type without looking at the keyboard by regularly touching a given key with a specific finger

**touch'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 easily offended; oversensitive; irritable 2 very risky or precarious

**touch'y-feel'y** (-fē'lē) *adj.* [Inf.] having or showing too much affection, compassion, etc.

**tough** (tuf) *adj.* [OE *toh*] 1 that will bend, etc. without tearing or breaking 2 not easily cut or chewed [*tough steak*] 3 strong; hardy 4 stubborn 5 brutal or rough 6 very difficult; laborious —*n.* a tough person; thug

**tough'en** *vt., vi.* to make or become tough or tougher —**tough'en-er** *n.*

**tou-pee** (tōō pā') *n.* [*< Fr < OFr toup*, tuft of hair] a man's small wig

**tour** (toor) *n.* [*< OFr tourner, to turn*] 1 a turn, period, etc., as of military duty 2 a long trip, as for sightseeing 3 any trip, as for inspection, for giving performances, etc. —*vt., vi.* to go on a tour (through)

**tour de force** (toor' də fōrs') *pl.* **tours de force** (toor') [Fr] an unusually skillful or ingenious creation or performance, sometimes a merely clever one

**Tou-rette's syndrome** (too rets') [after G. de la Tourette, 19th-c. Fr doctor] a nervous disorder characterized by involuntary movements, obscene utterances, etc.

**tour'ism** *n.* tourist travel

**tour'ist** *n.* one who tours, esp. for pleasure —*adj.* of or for tourists

**tour-ma-line** (toor'mə lin, -lən') *n.* [Fr] a crystalline mineral used as a gemstone, etc.

**tour-na-ment** (toor'nə mənt, tar'-) *n.* [*< OFr tourner, to turn*] 1 in the Middle Ages, a contest between knights on horseback who tried to unseat one another with lances 2 a series of contests in competition for a championship Also **tour'ney** (-nē) *n., pl.* -neys



**tour'ni-quet** (toor'ni kit, tar'-) *n.* [Fr < L *tunica*, tunic] a device for compressing a blood vessel to stop bleeding, as a bandage twisted about a limb and released at intervals

**tou·sle** (tou'zəl) *vt.* -sled, -sling [< ME *tusen*, to pull] to disorder, dishevel, muss, etc.

**tout** (tout) [Inf.] *vi.*, *vt.* [OE *totian*, to peep] 1 to praise highly 2 to sell betting tips on (racehorses) —*n.* one who touts

**tow** (tō) *vt.* [OE *togian*] to pull, as by a rope or chain —*n.* 1 a towing or being towed 2 something towed 3 TOWLINE —*in tow* 1 being towed 2 in one's company or charge

**toward** (tōrd, twōrd) *prep.* [see TO & -WARD] 1 in the direction of 2 facing 3 along a likely course to [steps toward peace] 4 concerning 5 just before [toward noon] 6 for [save toward a car] Also **towards**

**tow·el** (tou'əl) *n.* [< OFr *toaille*] a piece of cloth or paper for wiping or drying things —*vt.* -eled or -elled, -el-ing or -el-ling to wipe or dry with a towel —**throw** (or **toss**, etc.) *in the towel* [Inf.] to admit defeat

**tow'el-ing** or **tow'el-ling** *n.* material for making towels

**tow·er** (tou'ər) *n.* [< L *turris*] 1 a high structure, often part of a building 2 such a structure used as a fortress, etc. —*vi.* to rise high like a tower —**tow'er-ing** *adj.*

**tow-head** (tō'hed') *n.* [< *tow*, fibers of flax, etc.] a person with pale-yellow hair —**tow'head'ed** *adj.*

**tow·hee** (tō'hē, -ē) *n.* [echoic] any of various small North American sparrows

**tow·line** (tō'lin') *n.* a rope, etc. used for towing

**town** (toun) *n.* [OE *tun*] 1 a concentration of houses, etc. somewhat larger than a village 2 a city 3 a township 4 the business center of a city 5 the people of a town —**on the town** [Inf.] out for a good time

**town crier** one who, formerly, cried public announcements through the streets of a village or town

**town hall** a building in a town, housing the offices of officials, etc.

**town house** a two-story or three-story dwelling, a unit in a complex of such dwellings

**town meeting** a meeting of the voters of a town, as in New England

**town'ship** *n.* a division of a county, constituting a unit of local government

**towns'people** *pl.n.* the people of a town: also **towns'folk'**

**tow·path** (tō'path') *n.* a path along a canal, used by men or animals towing freight-carrying boats

**tow'rope'** *n.* a rope used in towing

**tox·e·mi·a** (tāk sē'mē ə) *n.* [see fol. & -EMIA] a condition in which the blood contains poisonous substances, esp. toxins produced by pathogenic bacteria

**tox·ic** (tāk'sik) *adj.* [< Gr *toxicon*, a poison] 1 of, affected by, or caused by a toxin 2 poisonous

**tox·i·col·o·gy** (tāk'si käl'ə jē) *n.* [see prec. & -LOGY] the science of poisons and their effects, antidotes, etc. —**tox'i·col'o·gist** *n.*

**tox·in** (tāk'sin) *n.* [< TOXIC] 1 any of various poisons produced by microorganisms and causing certain diseases 2 any poison secreted by plants or animals

**toy** (toi) *n.* [< ? MDu *toi*, finery] 1 a trifle 2 a plaything for children —*adj.* 1 like a plaything in size, use, etc. 2 made as a toy —*vi.* to trifle (*with* a thing, an idea, etc.)

**tr** *abbrev.* 1 translated 2 translation 3 translator 4 transpose

**trace**<sup>1</sup> (trās) *n.* [< L *trahere*, to draw] 1 a mark, track, sign, etc. left by a person, animal, or thing 2 a barely perceptible amount —*vt.* **traced**, **trac'ing** 1 to follow the trail of; track 2 *a*) to follow the development or history of *b*) to determine (a source, etc.) by this procedure 3 to draw, outline, etc. 4 to copy (a drawing, etc.) by following its lines on a superimposed transparent sheet —**trace'a·ble** *adj.* —**trac'er** *n.*

**trace**<sup>2</sup> (trās) *n.* [see TRAIT] either of two straps, etc. connecting a draft animal's harness to the vehicle drawn

**trace element** a chemical element, as copper, zinc, etc., essential in nutrition, but only in minute amounts

**trac·er·y** (trās'ər ē) *n., pl. -ies* [< TRACE<sup>1</sup> + -ERY] ornamental work of interlacing or branching lines

**tra·che·a** (trā'kē ə) *n., pl. -che·ae' (-ē') or -che·as* [< Gr *tracheia* (arteria), rough (windpipe)] the passage that conveys air from the larynx to the bronchi; windpipe —**tra'che·al** *adj.*

**tra·che·ot·o·my** (trā'kē ät'ə mē) *n., pl. -mies* [see prec. & -TOMY] an incision of the trachea to aid breathing in an emergency

**trac-ing** (trās'in) *n.* something traced; specif., *a*) a copy of a drawing, etc. *b*) a traced line made by a recording instrument

**track** (trak) *n.* [< Fr *trac*] 1 a mark left in passing, as a footprint, wheel rut, etc. 2 a path or trail 3 a sequence of ideas, events, etc. 4 a path or circuit laid out for racing, etc. 5 a pair of parallel metal rails on which trains, etc. run 6 *a*) sports performed on a track, as running, hurdling, etc. *b*) these sports along with other contests in jumping, throwing, etc. 7 *a*) a band on a phonograph record, compact disc, etc. *b*) any of the separate, parallel recording surfaces along a magnetic tape —*vt.* 1 to follow the track of 2 to trace by means of evidence, etc. 3 to plot the path of, as with radar 4 to leave tracks of (mud, etc.) on: often with *up* —**in one's tracks** where one is at the moment —**keep** (or **lose**) **track of** to stay (or fail to stay) informed about —**track'less** *adj.*

**track lighting** a method of lighting a room with spotlights inserted along a



narrow, wired track

**track record** [Inf.] the record of the performance of a person, etc. as in some activity

**tract**<sup>1</sup> (trakt) *n.* [*< L trahere, to draw*] 1 a continuous expanse of land 2 a system of organs having some special function [the digestive *tract*]

**tract**<sup>2</sup> (trakt) *n.* [*< LL tractatus, treatise*] a propagandizing pamphlet

**trac-ta-ble** (trak'tə bəl) *adj.* [*< L trahere, to draw*] easily managed; docile; compliant

**tract house** a house built to a design that is used many times throughout a housing development

**trac-tion** (trak'shən) *n.* [*< L trahere, to draw*] 1 *a)* a pulling or drawing *b)* a being pulled or drawn *c)* the kind of power used for pulling [electric *traction*] 2 the power, as of tires on pavement, to hold to a surface without slipping

**trac-tor** (trak'tər) *n.* [see prec.] 1 a powerful, motor-driven vehicle for pulling farm machinery, etc. 2 a truck with a driver's cab and no body, for hauling large trailers

**trac'tor-trail'er** *n.* a TRACTOR (sense 2) combined with a trailer or semitrailer, used for transporting goods

**trade** (trād) *n.* [*< LowG, a track*] 1 occupation; esp., skilled work 2 all the persons in a particular business 3 buying and selling; commerce 4 customers 5 an exchange; swap —*vi.* **trad'ed, trad'ing** 1 to carry on a business 2 to have business dealings (*with*) 3 to make an exchange (*with*) 4 [Inf.] to be a customer (*at* a certain store) —*vt.* to exchange; barter —**trade on (or upon)** to take advantage of

**trade'-in'** *n.* a thing given or taken as part payment for something else

**trade journal (or magazine)** a magazine devoted to a specific trade or industry

**trade'mark'** *n.* 1 a symbol, word, etc. used by a manufacturer or dealer to distinguish a product: usually protected by law 2 [Inf.] a distinctive, identifying feature or characteristic

**trade name** 1 the name by which a commodity is commonly known by those who deal in it 2 a name used as a trademark 3 the business name of a company

**trade'-off** *n.* an exchange in which one benefit is given up for another considered more desirable: also **trade'off**

**trad'er** *n.* 1 one who trades; merchant 2 a ship used in trade

**trades-man** (trādz'mən) *n., pl. -men (-mən)* [Chiefly Brit.] a storekeeper — **trades'wom'an, pl. -wom'en, fem.n.**

**trade union** LABOR UNION

**trade wind** a wind that blows toward the equator from either side of it

**trading post** a store in an outpost, settlement, etc., where trading is done

**tra-di-tion** (trə dish'ən) *n.* [*< L tradere, deliver*] 1 the handing down orally of beliefs, customs, etc. from generation to generation 2 a story, belief, custom,

etc. handed down in this way

**tra-di'tion-al** *adj.* of, handed down by, or conforming to tradition

**tra-di'tion-al-ism'** *n.* adherence to tradition; sometimes, specif., excessive devotion to tradition —**tra-di'tion-al-ist** *n.*

**tra-duce** (trə dōs', -dyōs') *vt.* **-duced', -duc'ing** [*< L trans, across + ducere, to lead*] to slander

**traf-fic** (traf'ik) *n.* [*< It traffico < L trans, across + It ficcare, bring*] 1 buying and selling; trade 2 dealings (*with* someone) 3 the movement or number of automobiles, pedestrians, etc. along a street, etc. 4 the business done by a transportation company —*adj.* of or having to do with traffic —*vi.* **-ficked, -fick-ing** 1 to carry on traffic (*in* a commodity) 2 to have dealings (*with* someone)

**traffic circle** a circular road at the intersection of several streets: vehicles move on it in one direction only

**traffic light (or signal)** a set of signal lights at a street intersection for regulating traffic

**tra-ge-di-an** (trə jē'dē ən) *n.* 1 a writer of tragedy 2 an actor in tragedies

**trag-e-dy** (traj'ə dē) *n., pl. -dies* [*< Gr tragos, goat + ōidē, song*] 1 a serious play with an unhappy ending 2 a very sad or tragic event; disaster

**trag-ic** (traj'ik) *adj.* 1 of or like a tragedy 2 disastrous, fatal, etc. —**trag'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**trail** (trāl) *vt.* [*< L trahere, to draw*] 1 to drag or let drag behind one 2 to follow the tracks of; track 3 to hunt by tracking 4 to follow behind —*vi.* 1 to drag along on the ground, etc. 2 to grow along the ground, etc., as some plants do 3 to flow behind: said as of smoke 4 to follow or lag behind; straggle 5 to grow weaker, dimmer, etc.: *with off or away* —*n.* 1 something that trails behind 2 a mark, scent, etc. left by a person, animal, or thing that has passed 3 a beaten path

**trail bike** a small motorcycle for off-road riding

**trail'blaz'er** *n.* 1 one who blazes a trail 2 a pioneer in any field

**trail'er** *n.* 1 one that trails 2 *a)* a wagon, van, etc. designed to be pulled by an automobile, truck, etc. *b)* such a vehicle designed to be lived in

**trailer park** an area, usually with piped water, electricity, etc., for trailers, esp. mobile homes

**trail mix** GORP

**train** (trān) *n.* [*< L trahere, to pull*] 1 something that drags along behind, as a trailing skirt 2 a group of followers; retinue 3 a procession; caravan 4 any connected order; sequence [a *train* of thought] 5 a line of connected railroad cars pulled by a locomotive —*vt.* 1 to guide the growth of (a plant) 2 to guide the mental, moral, etc. development of; rear 3 to instruct so as to make proficient 4 to make fit for an athletic contest, etc. 5 to aim (a gun, etc.) —*vi.* to



undergo training —**train·ee** (trān ē') *n.*  
—**train'er** *n.*

**traipse** (trāps) *vi., vt.* traipsed, traips'ing [*< ?*] [*Inf. or Dial.*] to walk, wander, or tramp

**trait** (trāt) *n.* [*< L trahere, to draw*] a distinguishing quality or characteristic

**traitor** (trāt'ər) *n.* [*< L tradere, betray*] one who betrays one's country, cause, friends, etc. —**trait'or·ous** *adj.*

**tra·jec·to·ry** (trə jek'tə rē) *n., pl. -ries* [*ult. < L trans, across + jacere, to throw*] the curved path of something hurtling through space

**tram** (tram) *n.* [*prob. < LowG traam, a beam*] [*Brit.*] a streetcar

**tram·mel** (tram'al) *n.* [*< L tres, three + macula, a mesh*] [*usually pl.*] something that confines or restrains —*vt.* -meled or -melled, -mel·ing or -mel·ing to confine, restrain, etc.

**tramp** (tramp) *vi.* [*ME trampen*] 1 to walk or step heavily 2 to travel about on foot —*vt.* 1 to step on heavily 2 to walk through —*n.* 1 a vagrant; hobo 2 the sound of heavy steps 3 a journey on foot; hike 4 a freight ship with no schedule, that picks up cargo, etc. as it goes along 5 [*Slang*] a sexually promiscuous woman

**tram·ple** (tram'pəl) *vi.* -pled, -pling [*see prec.*] to tread heavily —*vt.* to crush, destroy, etc. by or as by treading heavily on

**tram·po·line** (tram'pə lēn', -lin) *n.* [*< It*] a sheet of strong canvas stretched tightly on a frame with springs, used in acrobatic tumbling and jumping

**trance** (trans) *n.* [*< L transire, go across, die*] 1 a state of altered consciousness, resembling sleep, as in hypnosis 2 a daze; stupor 3 a state of great mental abstraction

**tran·quil** (tran'kwəl) *adj.* -quil·er or -quil·ler, -quil·est or -quil·lest [*L tranquillus*] calm, serene, placid, etc. —**tran·quil'i·ty** or **tran·quil'i·ty** (-kwil'ə tē) *n.* —**tran'quil·ly** *adv.*

**tran'quil·ize'** or **tran'quil·lize'** (-kwə liz') *vt., vi.* -ized' or -lized', -iz'ing or -liz'ing to make or become tranquil

**tran'quil·iz'er** or **tran'quil·liz'er** *n.* a drug used as a calming agent in treating various emotional disturbances, etc.

**trans** *abbrev.* 1 translated 2 translation 3 translator 4 transportation

**trans-** [*L < trans, across*] *prefix* over, across, beyond, through

**trans·act** (tran zakt', -sakt') *vt.* [*< L trans-, over + agere, to drive*] to carry on or complete (business, etc.)

**trans·ac'tion** *n.* 1 a transacting 2 something transacted; specif., a) a business deal b) [*pl.*] a record of the proceedings of a society, etc.

**trans·at·lan·tic** (trans'at lan'tik, tranz'-) *adj.* 1 crossing the Atlantic 2 on the other side of the Atlantic

**trans·ceiv·er** (tran sē'vər) *n.* a radio transmitter and receiver in a single housing

**tran·scend** (tran send') *vt.* [*< L trans-,*

over + *scandere, climb*] 1 to go beyond the limits of; exceed 2 to surpass; excel —**tran·scend'ent** *adj.*

**tran·scen·den·tal** (tran'sen dent'tl) *adj.* 1 supernatural 2 abstract —**tran'scen·den'tal·ly** *adv.*

**tran'scen·den'tal·ism'** *n.* [*often T-*] a philosophy based on a search for reality through spiritual intuition

**trans·con·ti·nen·tal** (trans'kän tə nent'tl, tranz'-) *adj.* 1 that crosses a continent 2 on the other side of a continent

**tran·scribe** (tran skrib') *vt.* -scribed', -scrib'ing 1 to write out or type out in full (shorthand notes, etc.) 2 to represent (speech sounds) in symbols

**tran·script** (tran'skript') *n.* 1 a written, typewritten, or printed copy 2 a copy, esp. an official copy, as of a student's record

**tran·scrip'tion** (-skrip'shən) *n.* 1 a transcribing 2 a transcript; copy 3 an arrangement of a piece of music for an instrument or voice other than that for which it was written

**trans·duc·er** (trans dōs'ər, tranz-) *n.* [*< L trans-, over + ducere, to lead*] a device that transmits energy from one system to another, sometimes converting the energy to a different form

**tran·sept** (tran'sept') *n.* [*< L trans-, across + septum, enclosure*] the part of a cross-shaped church at right angles to the nave, or either of its arms

**trans·fer** (trans'fər) *vt.* -ferred, -fer·ring [*< L trans-, across + ferre, to bear*] 1 to carry, send, etc. to another person or place 2 to make over (property, etc.) to another 3 to convey (a picture, etc.) from one surface to another —*vi.* 1 to transfer oneself or be transferred 2 to change as to another school or another bus —*n.* 1 a transferring or being transferred 2 one that is transferred 3 a ticket entitling the bearer to change to another bus, etc. —**trans·fer'ral** (-fər'-) *n.*

**trans·fer·ence** (trans'fər əns, trans fər'-) *n.* a transferring or being transferred

**trans·fig·ure** (trans fig'yər) *vt.* -ured, -ur·ing [*< L trans-, across + figura, figure*] 1 to change the form or appearance of 2 to transform so as to glorify —**trans·fig'u·ra'tion** *n.*

**trans·fix** (trans fiks') *vt.* [*< L trans-, through + figere, to fix*] 1 to pierce through; impale 2 to make motionless, as if impaled

**trans·form** (trans fôrm') *vt.* [*< L trans-, over + forma, a form*] 1 to change the form or appearance of 2 to change the condition, nature, or function of —**trans'for·ma'tion** *n.*

**trans·form'er** *n.* a device for changing electrical energy to a different voltage

**trans·fuse'** (-fyōōz') *vt.* -fused', -fus'ing [*< L trans-, across + fundere, pour*] 1 to instill; imbue 2 to transfer (blood, etc.) into a blood vessel —**trans·fu'sion** *n.*

**trans·gress** (trans gres', tranz-) *vt., vi.* [*< L trans-, over + gradi, to step*] 1 to break (a law, command, etc.); sin (against) 2 to go beyond (a limit, etc.)



—trans-gres'sion (-gresh'an) *n.* —trans-gres'sor *n.*

**trans·sient** (tran'shənt, -zē ənt) *adj.* [*< L trans-, over + ire, to go*] 1 passing away with time; temporary 2 passing quickly; fleeting 3 staying only a short time —*n.* a transient person —tran'sience or tran'sien·cy *n.*

**trans·sis·tor** (tran zis'tər, -sis'-) *n.* [TRAN(SFER) + (RE)SISTOR] a compact electronic device, composed of semiconductor material, that controls current flow —tran·sis'tor·ize', -ized', -iz'ing, *vt.*

**trans·it** (tran'sit, -zit) *n.* [*< L trans-, over + ire, to go*] 1 passage through or across 2 *a*) a carrying through or across; conveyance *b*) a system of urban public transportation 3 a surveying instrument for measuring horizontal angles

**trans·i·tion** (tran zish'an) *n.* a passing from one condition, place, etc. to another —tran·si'tion·al *adj.*

**trans·i·tive** (tran'sə tiv, -zə-) *adj.* designating a verb that takes a direct object

**trans·i·to·ry** (tran'sə tōr'ē, -zə-) *adj.* not enduring; temporary; fleeting

**transl** *abbrev.* 1 translated 2 translation

**trans·late** (trans lāt', tranz-) *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [*< L translatus, transferred*] 1 to move from one place or condition to another 2 to put into the words of a different language 3 to put into different words —trans·la'tor *n.*

**trans·la'tion** *n.* 1 a translating 2 writing or speech translated into another language

**trans·lit·er·ate** (trans lit'er āt', tranz-) *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*< TRANS- + L litera, letter*] to write (words, etc.) in the characters of another alphabet —trans·lit'er·a'tion *n.*

**trans·lu'cent** (-lōō'sənt) *adj.* [*< L trans-, through + lucere, to shine*] letting light pass through, but not transparent

**trans·mi'grate'** (-mī'grāt') *vi.* -grat'ed, -grat'ing [see TRANS- & MIGRATE] to pass into another body at death: said of the soul, as in Hindu religious belief —trans·mi·gra'tion *n.*

**trans·mis'sion** (-mish'an) *n.* 1 a transmitting 2 something transmitted 3 the part of a motor vehicle that transmits power to the wheels

**trans·mit'** (-mit') *vt.* -mit'ted, -mit'ting [*< L trans-, over + mittere, send*] 1 to cause to go to another person or place; transfer 2 to hand down by heredity, inheritance, etc. 3 *a*) to pass (light, heat, etc.) through some medium *b*) to conduct [water transmits sound] 4 to convey (force, movement, etc.) to 5 to send out (radio or television broadcasts) —trans·mis'si·ble (-mis'ə bəl) *adj.* —trans·mit'ta·ble *adj.* —trans·mit'tal *n.*

**trans·mit'ter** *n.* the apparatus that transmits signals in telephony, radio, etc.

**trans·mute'** (-myōōt') *vt., vi.* -mut'ed, -mut'ing [*< L trans-, over + mutare, to change*] to change from one form, nature, substance, etc. into another; transform —trans·mu·ta'tion *n.*

**trans·na'tion·al** (-nash'ə nəl) *adj.* tran-

scending the limits, interests, etc. of a single nation

**trans'o'ce·an'ic** (-ō'shē an'ik) *adj.* crossing the ocean

**tran·som** (tran'səm) *n.* [prob. *< L trans-trum, crossbeam*] 1 a horizontal crossbar, as across the top of a door or window 2 a small window just above a door or window

**trans·pa·cif·ic** (trans'pə sif'ik) *adj.* 1 crossing the Pacific 2 on the other side of the Pacific

**trans·par·en·cy** (trans per'an sē) *n., pl.* -cies a transparent film or slide having an image that can be projected on a screen

**trans·par'ent** *adj.* [*< L trans-, through + parere, appear*] 1 transmitting light rays so that objects on the other side can be seen clearly 2 so fine in texture as to be seen through 3 easily understood or detected; clear; obvious —trans·par'ent·ly *adv.*

**tran·spire** (tran spīr') *vi.* -spired', -spir'ing [*< L trans-, through + spirare, breathe*] 1 to give off vapor, moisture, etc., as through pores 2 to become known 3 to happen

**trans·plant** (trans plant'; also, and for *n.* always, trans'plant') *vt.* 1 to remove from one place and plant, resettle, etc. in another 2 *Surgery* to transfer (tissue or an organ) from one to another; graft —*n.* a transplanting or something transplanted, as a body organ or a seedling —trans'plan·ta'tion (-plan tā'shən) *n.*

**tran·spon·der** (tran spän'dər) *n.* [*< TRAN(SMITTER) & RESPOND*] a transceiver that automatically transmits signals

**trans·port** (trans pôrt'; for *n.* trans'pôrt') *vt.* [*< L trans-, over + portare, carry*] 1 to carry from one place to another 2 to carry away with emotion —*n.* 1 a transporting; transportation 2 strong emotion, esp. joy 3 a vehicle for transporting

**trans'por·ta'tion** (-pər tā'shən) *n.* 1 a transporting or being transported 2 a means of conveyance 3 fare or a ticket for being transported

**trans·pose** (trans pōz') *vt., vi.* -posed', -pos'ing [see TRANS- & POSE] 1 to change the usual order or position of; interchange 2 to rewrite or play (a musical composition) in a different key —trans'po·si'tion (-pə zish'an) *n.*

**trans·sex·u·al** (trans sek'shō əl) *n.* a person who identifies with the opposite sex, sometimes so strongly as to undergo sex-change surgery

**trans·ship** (trans ship') *vt., vi.* -shipped', -ship'ping to transfer from one ship, train, truck, etc. to another for further shipment —trans·ship'ment *n.*

**trans·verse** (trans vars', tranz-; also, and for *n.* usually, trans'vars', tranz'-) *adj.* [*< L trans-, across + vertere, to turn*] situated across; crosswise —*n.* a transverse part, etc.

**trans·ves·tite** (trans ves'tit', tranz-) *n.*



[[< TRANS- + L *vestire*, to dress]] a person who gets sexual pleasure from dressing in the clothes of the opposite sex

**trap** (trap) *n.* [[< OE *træppe*] 1 a device for catching animals, as one that snaps shut tightly when stepped on 2 any stratagem designed to catch or trick 3 a device, as in a drainpipe, for preventing the escape of gas, etc. —*vt.* **trapped**, **trap'ping** to catch in or as in a trap —*vi.* to trap animals, esp. for their furs — **trap'per** *n.*

**trap'door'** *n.* a hinged or sliding door in a roof, ceiling, or floor

**tra-peze** (tra pēz') *n.* [[see fol.] a short horizontal bar, hung high by two ropes, on which gymnasts, etc. swing

**tra-pe-zi-um** (trə pē'zē əm) *n.*, *pl.* -zi-ums or -zi-a (-ə) [[< Gr *trapeza*, table]] a plane figure with four sides, no two of which are parallel

**trap-e-zoid** (trap'i zoid') *n.* [[see prec.] a plane figure with four sides, only two of which are parallel —**trap'e-zoi'dal** *adj.*

**trap'pings** *pl.n.* [[< OFr *drap*, cloth]] 1 an ornamental covering for a horse 2 adornments

**trap'shoot'ing** *n.* the sport of shooting at clay disks sprung into the air from throwing devices

**trash** (trash) *n.* [[prob. < Scand]] 1 broken, discarded, or worthless things; rubbish 2 a person or people regarded as disreputable, etc. —*vt.* [Slang] 1 to destroy (property) as by vandalism 2 to criticize or insult (a person, etc.) sharply or maliciously —**trash'y**, -i-er, -i-est, *adj.*

**trau-ma** (trô'mə, trā'-) *n.*, *pl.* -mas or -ma-ta (-mə tə) [[Gr]] 1 a bodily injury or shock 2 an emotional shock, often having a lasting psychic effect —**trau-mat-ic** (trô mat'ik) *adj.*

**trau'ma-tize'** (-tiz') *vt.* -tized', -tiz'ing to subject to a physical or mental trauma

**trav·ail** (trə vāl', trav'āl') *n.* [[< L *tri-*, three + *palus*, stake: referring to a torture device]] 1 very hard work 2 intense pain; agony

**trav-el** (trav'al) *vi.* -eled or -elled, -el-ing or -el-ling [[var. of prec.]] 1 to go from one place to another 2 to move, pass, or be transmitted —*vt.* to make a journey over or through —*n.* 1 a traveling 2 [pl.] trips, journeys, etc. —**trav'el-er** or **trav'el-ler** *n.*

**traveler's check** a check, issued by a bank, etc., sold to a traveler who signs it at issuance and again when cashing it

**trav-e-logue** or **trav-e-log** (trav'ə lôg') *n.* 1 an illustrated lecture on travels 2 a short film about a place, esp. one that is foreign, unusual, etc.

**tra-verse** (trə vars'; *for n. & adj.* trav'ərs) *vt.* -versed', -vers'ing [[< L *trans-*, across + *vertere*, to turn]] to pass over, across, or through —*n.* **trav'erse** 1 something that traverses or crosses, as a crossbar 2 a traversing —*adj.* **trav'erse** 1 extending across 2 designating or of draperies drawn by pulling a cord at the side

**trav-es-ty** (trav'is tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties [[< L *trans-*, over + *vestire*, to dress]] 1 a farcical imitation in ridicule 2 a ridiculous representation [a *travesty* of justice] —*vt.* -tied, -ty-ing to make a travesty of

**trawl** (trôl) *n.* [[< ? MDu *traghel*, dragnet]] 1 a large dragnet for fishing 2 a long line supported by buoys, from which fishing lines are hung —*vi.*, *vt.* to fish or catch with a trawl

**trawl'er** *n.* a boat used in trawling

**tray** (trā) *n.* [[< OE *treg*, wooden board]] a flat receptacle with raised edges, for holding or carrying things

**treach-er-ous** (trech'ər əs) *adj.* 1 characterized by treachery; disloyal 2 untrustworthy or insecure —**treach'er-ous-ly** *adv.*

**treach-er-y** (trech'ər ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ies [[< OFr *trichier*, to cheat]] 1 betrayal of trust; disloyalty 2 treason

**trea-cle** (trē'kəl) *n.* [[< Gr (*antidotos*) *thēriakē*, (remedy) for venom]] [Brit.] 1 molasses 2 anything very sweet or cloying —**trea'cly** (-klē) *adj.*

**tread** (tred) *vt.* **trod**, **trod'den** or **trod**, **tread'ing** [[OE *tredan*] 1 to walk on, in, along, etc. 2 to do or follow by walking, dancing, etc. 3 to press or beat with the feet —*vi.* 1 to walk 2 to set one's foot (on, across, etc.) 3 to trample (on or upon) —*n.* 1 the manner or sound of treading 2 something for treading or moving on, as a shoe sole or surface of a stair 3 the thick outer layer of an automotive tire —**tread water** *pt. & pp.* *usu-*ally **tread'ed** to stay upright in swimming by moving the legs and arms back and forth

**trea-dle** (tred'l) *n.* [[< OE *tredan*, to tread]] a lever moved by the foot as to turn a wheel

**tread'mill'** *n.* 1 a mill wheel turned by an animal treading an endless belt 2 any monotonous work in which one seems to make no progress 3 an exercise machine with an endless belt on which one walks or runs

**treas** *abbrev.* 1 treasurer 2 treasury

**trea-son** (trē'zən) *n.* [[< L *trans-*, over + *dare*, give]] betrayal of one's country to an enemy —**trea'son-a-ble** or **trea'son-ous** *adj.*

**treas-ure** (trezh'ər) *n.* [[< Gr *thēsauros*] 1 accumulated wealth, as money or jewels 2 any person or thing considered valuable —*vt.* -ured, -ur-ing 1 to save up for future use 2 to value greatly

**treas-ur-er** (trezh'ər ər) *n.* one in charge of a treasury, as of a government or club

**treas'ure-trove'** (-trōv') *n.* [*trove* < OFr *trover*, find] 1 treasure found hidden, the original owner of which is unknown 2 a valuable source or collection

**treas-ur-y** (trezh'ər ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ies 1 a place where treasure or funds are kept 2 the funds or revenues of a state, corporation, etc. 3 [T-] the department of government in charge of revenue, taxation, and public finances

**treat** (trēt) *vi.* [ult. < L *trahere*, to draw] 1 to discuss terms (*with*) 2 to speak or write (*of*) —*vt.* 1 to deal with (a sub-



ject) in writing, music, etc. in a specified manner 2 to act toward (someone or something) in a specified manner 3 to pay for the food, etc. of (another) 4 to subject to some process, chemical, etc. 5 to give medical care to —*n.* 1 a meal, drink, etc. paid for by another 2 anything that gives great pleasure

**trea·tise** (trēt'is) *n.* [see *prec.*] a formal article or book on some subject

**treat·ment** (trēt'mənt) *n.* 1 act, manner, method, etc. of treating 2 medical or surgical care

**trea·ty** (trēt'ē) *n., pl. -ties* [ < L *trahere*, to draw] a formal agreement between two or more nations

**tre·ble** (treb'al) *adj.* [ < L *tripplus*, triple] 1 threefold; triple 2 of, for, or performing the treble —*n.* 1 the highest part in musical harmony; soprano 2 a high-pitched voice or sound —*vt., vi. -bled, -bling* to make or become threefold

**tree** (trē) *n.* [OE *trēow*] 1 a large, woody perennial plant with one main trunk and many branches 2 *a*) anything resembling a tree *b*) FAMILY TREE —*vt. treed, tree'ing* to chase up a tree —*tree'less adj. —tree'like' adj.*

**tre·foil** (trē'foil') *n.* [ < L *tri-*, three + *folium*, leaf] 1 a plant with leaves divided into three leaflets, as the clover 2 a design, etc. shaped like such a leaf

**trek** (trek) *vi. trekked, trek'king* [Afrik < Du *trekken*, to pull] 1 to travel slowly or laboriously 2 [Inf.] to go on foot —*n.* 1 a journey 2 a migration

**tre·lis** (trē'is) *n.* [ < L *trilix*, triple-twilled] a lattice on which vines are trained

**trem·a·tode** (trēm'ə tōd', trē'mə-) *n.* [ < Gr *trēmatōdēs*, perforated] a parasitic flatworm with muscular suckers; fluke

**trem·ble** (trēm'bəl) *vi. -bled, -bling* [ < L *tremere*] 1 to shake or shiver from cold, fear, etc. 2 to feel great anxiety 3 to quiver, vibrate, etc. —*n.* 1 a trembling 2 [sometimes *pl.*] a fit of trembling

**tre·men·dous** (tri men'dəs) *adj.* [ < L *tremere*, to tremble] 1 very large; great 2 [Inf.] wonderful, amazing, etc. —*tre·men'dous·ly adv.*

**trem·o·lo** (trēm'ə lō') *n., pl. -los'* [It] *Music* a tremulous effect produced by rapid reiteration of the same tone

**trem·or** (trēm'ər) *n.* [ < L *tremere*, to tremble] 1 a trembling, shaking, etc. 2 a trembling sensation

**trem·u·lous** (trēm'yōō ləs) *adj.* [ < L *tremere*, to tremble] 1 trembling; quivering 2 fearful; timid

**trench** (trench) *vt.* [ < OFr *trenchier*, to cut] to dig a ditch or ditches in —*n.* 1 a deep furrow 2 a long, narrow ditch dug by soldiers for cover, with earth heaped up in front

**trench·ant** (tren'chənt) *adj.* [see *prec.*] 1 sharp; incisive [*trenchant words*] 2 forceful; effective [*a trenchant argument*] —*trench'ant·ly adv.*

**trench coat** a belted raincoat in a military style

**trench'er** *n.* [see TRENCH] [Archaic] a wooden platter for meat

**trench'er·man** (-mən) *n., pl. -men*

(-mən) an eater; esp., one who eats much

**trench foot** a diseased condition of the feet from prolonged exposure to wet and cold

**trench mouth** an infectious disease of the mucous membranes of the mouth and throat

**trend** (trend) *vi.* [OE *trendan*] to have a general direction or tendency —*n.* 1 a general tendency or course; drift 2 a current style

**trend·y** (tren'dē) *adj. -i·er, -i·est* [Inf.] of or in the latest style, or trend

**Tren·ton** (trent'n) capital of New Jersey: pop. 89,000

**trep·i·da·tion** (trep'ə dā'shən) *n.* [ < L *trepidus*, disturbed] fearful uncertainty; anxiety

**tres·pass** (tres'pəs, -pas') *vi.* [ < L *trans-*, across + *passus*, a step] 1 to go beyond the limits of what is considered right; do wrong; transgress 2 to enter another's property without permission or right —*n.* a trespassing; specif., a moral offense —*tres'pass·er n.*

**tress** (tres) *n.* [ < OFr *trousse*, braid of hair] 1 a lock of human hair 2 [*pl.*] a woman's or girl's hair, esp. when long

**tres·tle** (tres'al) *n.* [ < L *transtrum*, a beam] 1 a horizontal beam fastened to two pairs of spreading legs, used as a support 2 a framework of uprights and crosspieces, supporting a bridge, etc.

**trey** (trā) *n.* [ < L *tres*, three] a playing card with three spots

**tri-** [ < Fr, L, or Gr] *prefix* 1 having or involving three 2 three times, into three 3 every third

**tri·ad** (trī'ad') *n.* [ < Gr *treis*, three] a group of three

**tri·age** (trē äzh', trē'äzh') *n.* [ < Fr *trier*, sift] a system of establishing the order in which acts are to be carried out in an emergency, esp. acts of medical assistance —*vt. -aged', -ag'ing* to prioritize (patients, problems, etc.)

**tri·al** (trī'al) *n.* [see TRY] 1 the act or process of trying, testing, etc.; test; probation 2 a hardship, suffering, etc. 3 a source of annoyance 4 a hearing and deciding of a case in a court of law 5 an attempt; effort —*adj.* 1 of a trial 2 for the purpose of trying, testing, etc. —*on trial* in the process of being tried

**trial and error** the process of making repeated trials, tests, and adjustments until the right result is found

**trial balloon** something said or done to test public opinion on an issue

**tri·an·gle** (trī'an'gəl) *n.* [see TRI- & ANGLE<sup>1</sup>] 1 a plane figure having three angles and three sides 2 anything with three sides or three corners 3 a situation involving three persons [*a love triangle*] —*tri·an'gu·lar* (-gyōō lər) *adj.*

**tri·an'gu·late'** (-gyə lāt') *vt. -lat'ed, -lat'ing* to divide (an area) into triangles in order to determine distance or relative positions —*tri·an'gu·la'tion n.*

**tri·ath·lon** (trī ath'län', -lən) *n.* [TRI- + Gr *athlon*, a contest] an endurance race combining events in swimming, bicy-



cling, and running

**tribe** (trib) *n.* [*< L tribus*] 1 a group of persons or clans descended from a common ancestor and living under a leader or chief 2 a natural group of related plants or animals —**trib'al** *adj.* —**trib'al-ly** *adv.* —**tribes'man** (-mən), *pl.* -men, *n.*

**trib·u·la·tion** (trib'yə lā'shən) *n.* [*< L tribulare, to press*] great misery or distress, or the cause of it

**tri·bu·nal** (trī byōō'nəl, tri-) *n.* [see fol.] 1 a seat for a judge in a court 2 a court of justice

**trib·une** (trib'yōōn'; for 2, often tri byōōn') *n.* [*< L tribus, tribe*] 1 in ancient Rome, a magistrate appointed to protect the rights of plebeians 2 a champion of the people: often used in newspaper names

**trib·u·tar·y** (trib'yōō ter'ē) *adj.* 1 paying tribute 2 subject [a tributary nation] 3 flowing into a larger one [a tributary stream] —*n.*, *pl.* -ies 1 a tributary nation 2 a tributary river

**trib·ute** (trib'yōōt) *n.* [*< L tribuere, allot*] 1 money paid regularly by one nation to another as acknowledgment of subjugation, for protection, etc. 2 any forced payment 3 something given, done, or said to show gratitude, honor, or praise

**trice** (tris) *n.* [*< MDu trisen, to pull*] an instant; moment: now only in in a trice

**tri·cen·ten·ni·al** (trī'sen ten'ē əl) *adj.* happening once every 300 years —*n.* a 300th anniversary

**tri·ceps** (trī'seps') *n.*, *pl.* -ceps' or -ceps'es [*L < tri-, three + caput, head*] a muscle with three points of origin, esp. the muscle on the back of the upper arm

**tri·cer·a·tops** (trī ser'ə tāps') *n.* [*< TRI- + Gr keras, horn + ōps, eye*] a plant-eating dinosaur having a bony crest over the neck and three horns

**tri·chi·na** (tri kī'nə) *n.*, *pl.* -nae (-nē) [*< Gr trichinos, hairy*] a very small worm that causes trichinosis

**trich·i·no·sis** (trik'i nō'sis) *n.* [*< Gr trichinos, hairy*] a disease caused by intestinal worms, and acquired by eating insufficiently cooked pork from an infested hog

**trick** (trik) *n.* [*< OFr trichier, to cheat*] 1 something designed to deceive, cheat, etc. 2 a practical joke; prank 3 a clever act intended to amuse 4 any feat requiring skill 5 a personal mannerism 6 a round of duty; shift 7 *Card Games* the cards won in a single round —*vt.* to deceive or swindle —*adj.* apt to malfunction [a trick knee] —*do* (or *turn*) the trick [Inf.] to produce the desired result —*not miss a trick* [Inf.] to be very alert —**trick'er-y**, *pl.* -ies, *n.*

**trick·le** (trik'al) *vi.* -led, -ling [ME *trik-len < ?*] 1 to flow slowly in a thin stream or fall in drops 2 to move slowly [the crowd trickled away] —*n.* a slow, small flow

**trick'le·down'** *adj.* of an economic

theory holding that government aid to the largest businesses will ultimately benefit the poor

**trick'-or-treat'er** *n.* a person in costume who goes from door to door on Halloween asking for candy

**trick'ster** (-stər) *n.* a person who tricks; cheat

**trick'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 given to or characterized by trickery 2 like a trick in deceptiveness or intricacy

**tri·col·or** (trī'kul'ər) *n.* a flag having three colors in large areas; esp., the flag of France

**tri·cy·cle** (trī'sə kəl) *n.* [Fr: see TRI- & CYCLE] a child's three-wheeled vehicle operated by pedals

**tri·dent** (trīd'nt) *n.* [*< L tri-, three + dens, tooth*] a three-pronged spear

**tried** (trīd) *vt.*, *vi.* *pt.* & *pp.* of TRY —*adj.* 1 tested; proved 2 trustworthy

**tri·en·ni·al** (trī en'ē əl) *adj.* [*< L tri-, three + annus, year*] 1 happening every three years 2 lasting three years —**tri·en'ni-al-ly** *adv.*

**Tri·este** (trē est') seaport in NE Italy: pop. 228,000

**tri·fle** (trī'fəl) *n.* [*< OFr truffe, deception*] 1 something of little value or importance 2 a small amount of money —*vi.* -fled, -fling 1 to talk or act jokingly 2 to toy (with) —*vt.* to waste [to trifle the hours away] —**tri'fler** *n.*

**tri'fling** (-flīŋ) *adj.* 1 frivolous; shallow 2 of little importance; trivial

**tri·fo·cals** (trī'fō'kəlz) *pl.n.* eyeglasses like bifocals, but with a third area in the lens ground for viewing objects at an intermediate distance

**trig** (trig) *n.* short for TRIGONOMETRY

**trig·ger** (trig'ər) *n.* [*< Du trekken, to pull*] a lever pulled to release a catch, etc., esp. one pressed to activate the firing mechanism on a firearm —*vt.* to initiate (an action)

**trig'ger-hap'py** *adj.* 1 tending to resort to force rashly or irresponsibly 2 ready to start a war for the slightest cause

**tri·glyc·er·ide** (trī glis'ər id') *n.* [TRI- + Gr *glykeros, sweet*] an ester derived from glycerol: the chief component of fats and oils

**trig·o·nom·e·try** (trig'ə nām'ə trē) *n.* [*< Gr trigōnon, triangle + -metria, measurement*] the branch of mathematics analyzing, and making calculations from, relations between the sides of right triangles with reference to their angles —**trig'o-no-met'ric** (-nə me'trik) *adj.*

**trill** (tril) *n.* [ult. echoic] 1 a rapid alternation of a musical tone with a slightly higher tone 2 a warble 3 a rapid vibration of the tongue or uvula —*vt.*, *vi.* to sound, speak, or play with a trill

**tril·lion** (tril'yən) *n.* 1 1 followed by 12 zeros 2 [Brit.] 1 followed by 18 zeros —**tril'lionth** *adj.*, *n.*

**tril·li·um** (tril'ē əm) *n.* [ModL. *< L tri-, three*] a woodland plant having a single flower with three petals and three sepals





TRILLIUM

**tril·o·gy** (tril'ə jē) *n.*, *pl.* -gies [see TRI- & -LOGY] a set of three related plays, novels, etc.

**trim** (trim) *vt.* trimmed, trim'ming [‹ OE *trymman*, make firm] 1 to put in proper order; make neat or tidy [to trim hair] 2 to clip, lop, cut, etc. 3 to decorate, as by adding ornaments, etc. 4 *a*) to balance (a ship) by ballasting, etc. *b*) to put (sails) in order for sailing 5 to balance (a flying aircraft) 6 [Inf.] to beat, punish, defeat, cheat, etc. —*vi.* to adjust according to expediency —*n.* 1 order; arrangement 2 good condition 3 a trimming, as by clipping 4 decorative parts or borders —*adj.* trim'mer, trim'mest 1 orderly; neat 2 well-proportioned 3 in good condition —trim'ly *adv.* —trim'mer *n.* —trim'ness *n.*

**tri·ma·ran** (trī'mə ran') *n.* a boat like a catamaran, but with three parallel hulls

**tri·mes·ter** (trī mes'tər, trī'mes'-) *n.* [‹ L *tri-*, three + *mensis*, month] 1 a three-month period, as of pregnancy 2 in some colleges, any of the three periods of the academic year

**trim·ming** (trim'ing) *n.* 1 decoration; ornament 2 [*pl.*] *a*) the side dishes of a meal *b*) parts trimmed off 3 [Inf.] a beating, defeat, cheating, etc.

**Trin·i·dad and To·ba·go** (trin'i dad' and tə bā'gō) island country in the West Indies: 1,980 sq. mi.; pop. 1,260,000

**trin·i·ty** (trin'i tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties [‹ L *trinitas*] a set of three —the *Trinity Christian Theol.* the union of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in one Godhead

**trin·ket** (trin'kit) *n.* [ME *trenket*] 1 a small, cheap ornament, piece of jewelry, etc. 2 a trifle or toy

**tri·o** (trē'ō) *n.*, *pl.* -os [‹ L *tres*, three] 1 a group of three 2 *Music a*) a composition for three voices or three instruments *b*) the three performers of such a composition

**trip** (trip) *vi.*, *vt.* tripped, trip'ping [‹ OFr *treper*] 1 to move or perform with light, rapid steps; skip 2 to stumble or cause to stumble 3 to make or cause to make a mistake 4 to run past or release (a spring, wheel, etc.) —*n.* 1 a light, quick tread 2 a journey, jaunt, etc. 3 a stumble or a causing to stumble 4 [Slang] *a*) an experience induced by a psychedelic drug, esp. LSD *b*) an experience that is pleasing, exciting, etc. —trip up to catch in a lie, error, etc.

—trip'per *n.*

**tri·par·tite** (trī pār'tit') *adj.* [‹ L *tri-*, three + *partire*, to part] 1 having three parts 2 made between three parties, as an agreement

**tripe** (trip) *n.* [prob. ult. < Ar *tharb*, layer of fat lining the intestines] 1 part of the stomach of an ox, etc., used as food 2 [Slang] anything worthless, etc.; nonsense

**trip'ham'mer** *n.* a heavy, power-driven hammer, alternately raised and allowed to fall by a tripping device: also trip hammer

**tri·ple** (trip'al) *adj.* [‹ L *tripplus*] 1 consisting of three; threefold 2 three times as much or as many —*n.* 1 an amount three times as much or as many 2 *Baseball* a hit on which the batter reaches third base —*vt.*, *vi.* tri'pled, tri'pling 1 to make or become three times as much or as many 2 *Baseball* to hit a triple —tri'ply *adv.*

**tri·plet** (trip'lit) *n.* 1 a group of three, as three successive lines of poetry 2 any of three offspring from the same pregnancy

**trip·li·cate** (trip'li kit; for *v.*, -kāt') *adj.* [‹ L *triplex*] 1 threefold 2 being the last of three identical copies —*n.* any one of such copies —*vt.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing to make three identical copies of —in triplicate in three identical copies

**tri·pod** (trī'pād') *n.* [‹ Gr *tri-*, three + *pous*, foot] a three-legged caldron, stool, support, etc.

**trip·tych** (trip'tik) *n.* [‹ Gr *tri-*, three + *ptychē*, a fold] a set of three hinged panels with pictures, etc., commonly placed above and behind an altar

**tri·sect** (trī sekt', trī'sekt') *vt.* [‹ TRI- + L *secare*, to cut] to cut or divide into three equal parts

**tri·state** (trī'stāt') *adj.* of an area consisting of all or parts of three contiguous states

**trite** (trit) *adj.* trit'er, trit'est [‹ L *terere*, wear out] worn out by constant use; stale —trite'ness *n.*

**trit·i·um** (trit'ē əm) *n.* a radioactive isotope of hydrogen having an atomic weight of 3

**Tri·ton** (trit'n) *n.* a Greek sea god having the tail of a fish and the head and upper body of a man

**tri·umph** (trī'əmf) *n.* [‹ L *triumphus*] 1 a victory; success 2 exultation or joy over a victory, etc. —*vi.* 1 to gain victory or success 2 to rejoice over victory, etc. —tri·um'phal (-um'fəl) *adj.*

**tri·um'phal·ism'** *n.* an arrogant confidence in a set of beliefs —tri·um'phal·ist *adj.*, *n.*

**tri·um'phant** (-fənt) *adj.* 1 successful; victorious 2 rejoicing for victory —tri·um'phant·ly *adv.*

**tri·um·vir** (trī um'vir') *n.*, *pl.* -virs' or -viri' (-vi rī') [L: see fol.] in ancient Rome, any of three administrators sharing authority

**tri·um·vi·rate** (trī um'və rit) *n.* [‹ L *trium virum*, of three men] government by three persons or parties



**tri·va·lent** (trī vā'lənt) *adj.* *Chem.* having three valences or a valence of three  
**triv·et** (triv'it) *n.* [*< L tripes, tripod*] 1 a three-legged stand for holding pots, etc. near a fire 2 a short-legged stand for hot dishes to rest on

**triv·i·a** (triv'ē ə) *pl.n.* [usually with *sing. v.*] unimportant matters

**triv·i·al** (triv'ē əl) *adj.* [*< L trivialis, commonplace*] unimportant; insignificant —**triv'i-al'i-ty** (-al'ə tē) *n.*

**triv'i-al·ize'** (-īz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to regard or treat as trivial; make seem unimportant

**-trix** (tri'ks) [*L*] *suffix* forming feminine nouns of agency

**tro·chee** (trō'kē) *n.* [*< Gr trechein, to run*] a metrical foot of one accented syllable followed by one unaccented syllable —**tro·cha'ic** (-kā'ik) *adj.*

**trod** (träd) *vt., vi. pt. & alt. pp. of TREAD*  
**trod·den** (träd'n) *vt., vi. alt. pp. of TREAD*

**trog·lo·dyte** (träg'lə dīt') *n.* [*< Gr trōglē, hole + dyein, enter*] 1 any of the prehistoric people who lived in caves 2 a recluse

**troi·ka** (troi'kə) *n.* [*Russ*] 1 a vehicle drawn by three horses abreast 2 an association of three in authority

**Tro·jan** (trō'jən) *adj.* of ancient Troy or its people or culture —*n.* 1 a person born or living in ancient Troy 2 a strong, hard-working, determined person

**Trojan horse** 1 *Gr. Legend* a huge, hollow wooden horse with Greek soldiers inside: it is brought into Troy, the soldiers creep out and open the gates, and the Greek army destroys the city 2 one that subverts a nation, etc. from within

**troll**<sup>1</sup> (tröl) *vt., vi.* [*ME trollen, to roll*] 1 to sing the parts of (a round, etc.) in succession 2 to sing in a full voice 3 to fish (in) with a baited line trailed behind a slowly moving boat —**troll'er** *n.*

**troll**<sup>2</sup> (tröl) *n.* [*ON*] *Scand. Folklore* a supernatural being, as a giant or dwarf, living in a cave

**trol·ley** (trä'lē) *n., pl. -leys* [*< TROLL*<sup>1</sup>] 1 a wheeled basket, etc. that runs suspended from an overhead track 2 a grooved wheel at the end of a pole, for transmitting electric current from an overhead wire to a streetcar, etc. 3 a trolley car

**trolley bus** an electric bus powered by trolleys

**trolley car** an electric streetcar that gets its power from a trolley

**trol·lop** (trä'ləp) *n.* [*prob. < Ger trolle, wench*] a prostitute

**trom·bone** (trä'm bōn') *n.* [*It < tromba, a trumpet*] a large brass instrument, usually with a slide, or movable section —**trom·bon'ist** *n.*



TROMBONE

**troop** (trōop) *n.* [*< ML troppus, flock*] 1 a group of persons or animals 2 [*pl.*] soldiers 3 a subdivision of a cavalry regiment 4 a unit of Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts —*vi.* 1 to gather or go together in a group 2 to walk or go

**troop'er** *n.* [*prec. + -ER*] 1 a soldier in the mounted cavalry 2 a mounted police officer 3 in the U.S., a state police officer

**trope** (trōp) *n.* [*< Gr tropos, a turning*] figurative language or a word used in a figurative sense

**tro·phy** (trō'fē) *n., pl. -phies* [*< Gr tro·paion*] a memorial of victory in war, sports competition, etc.; prize

**trop·ic** (träp'ik) *n.* [*< Gr tropikos, of a turn (of the sun at the solstices)*] 1 either of two parallels of latitude, one, the Tropic of Cancer, c. 23° 26' north, and the other, the Tropic of Capricorn, c. 23° 26' south 2 [*also T-*] [*pl.*] the region between these latitudes —*adj.* of the tropics; tropical

**trop'i·cal** (-i kəl) *adj.* 1 of, in, characteristic of, or suitable for the tropics 2 very hot; sultry; torrid

**tro·pism** (trō'piz'əm) *n.* [*< Gr tropē, a turn*] the tendency of a plant or animal to grow or turn toward, or away from, a stimulus, as light

**tro·po·sphere** (trō'pə sfir', trāp'ə-) *n.* [*Fr < Gr tropos, a turning + Fr sphère, sphere*] the atmospheric zone characterized by water vapor, weather, and decreasing temperatures with increasing altitude

**trot** (trät) *vt., vi.* trot'ted, trot'ting [*< OHG trottōn, to tread*] 1 to move, ride, go, etc. at a trot 2 to hurry; run —*n.* 1 a gait, as of a horse, in which a front leg and the opposite hind leg are lifted at the same time 2 a jogging gait of a person —**trot'ter** *n.*

**troth** (trôth, trôth) *n.* [*ME trouthe*] [*Archaic*] 1 faithfulness; loyalty 2 truth 3 a promise, esp. to marry

**trou·ba·dour** (trōō'bə dôr') *n.* [*Fr < Prov trobar, compose*] 1 any of a class of lyric poets and poet-musicians in S France and N Spain and Italy in the 11th to 13th c. 2 a minstrel or singer

**trou·ble** (trub'al) *vt.* -bled, -bling [*< L turba, crowd*] 1 to disturb or agitate 2 to worry; harass 3 to cause inconvenience to [*don't trouble yourself*] —*vi.* to



take pains; bother —*n.* 1 a state of mental distress; worry 2 a misfortune; calamity 3 a person, event, etc. causing annoyance, distress, etc. 4 public disturbance 5 effort; bother [take the trouble to listen]

**trou'ble-mak'er** *n.* one who incites others to quarrel, rebel, etc.

**trou'ble-shoot'er** *n.* one whose work is to locate and fix breakdowns, eliminate the source of trouble in work flow, etc. —**trou'ble-shooting** *n.*

**trou'ble-some** (-səm) *adj.* characterized by or causing trouble

**trough** (trôf, träf) *n.* [OE *trog*] 1 a long, narrow, open container, esp. one to hold water or food for animals 2 a channel or gutter for carrying off rainwater 3 a long, narrow hollow, as between waves 4 a low in an economic cycle 5 a long, narrow area of low barometric pressure

**trounce** (trouns) *vt.* **trounced**, **trouncing** [< ?] 1 to beat; flog 2 [Inf.] to defeat —**trounc'er** *n.*

**troupe** (trōp) *n.* [Fr] a group of actors, singers, etc. —*vi.* **trouped**, **trouping** to travel as a member of a troupe

**troup'er** *n.* 1 a troupe member 2 [Inf.] one who is steady, dependable, etc., during trying times

**trou-sers** (trou'zərz) *pl.n.* [< Gael *tribhas*] a two-legged outer garment, esp. for men and boys, extending from the waist to the ankles

**trous-seau** (trō sō', trō'sō) *n., pl. -seaux' (-sōz')* or *-seaus'* [Fr < OFr *trousse*, a bundle] a bride's clothes, linens, etc.

**trout** (trout) *n., pl. trout or trouts* [< Gr *trōgein*, gnaw] a food and game fish, related to the salmon, found chiefly in fresh water

**trou** (trō, trou) *vi., vt.* [< OE *treow*, faith] [Archaic] to believe

**trou-el** (trou'əl) *n.* [< L *trua*, ladle] 1 a flat hand tool for smoothing plaster or applying mortar 2 a scooplike tool for loosening soil, etc. —*vt.* **-eled** or **-elled**, **-el-ing** or **-el-ling** to spread, smooth, dig, etc. with a trowel

**troy** (trōi) *adj.* [after Troyes, city in France, where first used] of or by a system of weights (**troy weight**) for gold, silver, gems, etc.

**Troy** (trōi) ancient city in NW Asia Minor

**tru-ant** (trō'ənt) *n.* [< OFr, beggar] 1 a pupil who stays away from school without permission 2 one who neglects duties —*adj.* 1 that is a truant 2 errant; straying —**tru'an-cy**, *pl. -cies*, *n.*

**truce** (trōs) *n.* [< OE *treow*, faith] 1 a temporary cessation of warfare by agreement between the belligerents 2 respite from conflict, trouble, etc.

**truck**<sup>1</sup> (truk) *n.* [< Gr *trochos*, wheel] 1 a two-wheeled barrow or low, wheeled frame for carrying heavy articles 2 an automotive vehicle for hauling loads 3 a swiveling, wheeled frame under each end of a railroad car, etc. —*vt.* to carry on a truck —*vi.* to drive a truck —**truck'er** *n.*

**truck**<sup>2</sup> (truk) *vt., vi.* [< Fr *troquer*] to

exchange; barter —*n.* 1 small articles of little value 2 vegetables raised for market 3 [Inf.] dealings 4 [Inf.] trash; rubbish

**truck farm** a farm where vegetables are grown to be marketed

**truck-le** (truk'əl) *n.* [< Gr *trochos*, wheel] **TRUNDLE BED**: in full **truckle bed** —*vi.* **-led**, **-ling** to be servile; submit (to)

**truc-u-lent** (truk'yō lənt, -yə-) *adj.* [< L *trux*] 1 fierce; cruel; savage 2 pugnacious —**truc'u-lence** *n.* —**truc'u-lent-ly** *adv.*

**trudge** (truj) *vi.* **trudged**, **trudg'ing** [< ?] to walk, esp. wearily or laboriously —*n.* a wearying walk

**true** (trō) *adj.* **tru'er**, **tru'est** [OE *treowe*] 1 faithful; loyal 2 in accordance with fact; not false 3 conforming to standard, etc.; correct 4 rightful; lawful 5 accurately fitted, shaped, etc. 6 real; genuine —*adv.* 1 truly 2 *Biol.* without variation from type —*vt.* **trued**, **tru'ing** or **true'ing** to fit, place, or shape accurately: often with *up* —*n.* that which is true: with *the*

**true believer** a dedicated follower or disciple, esp. one who follows without doubts or questions

**true bill** a bill of indictment endorsed by a grand jury

**true'-blue'** *adj.* very loyal; staunch

**truf-fle** (truf'əl) *n.* [ult. < L *tuber*, knob] a fleshy, edible underground fungus

**tru-ism** (trō'iz'əm) *n.* a statement the truth of which is obvious

**tru'ly** *adv.* 1 in a true manner; accurately, genuinely, etc. 2 really; indeed 3 sincerely

**Tru-man** (trō'mən), **Har-ry S** (har'ē) 1884-1972; 33d president of the U.S. (1945-53)

**trump** (trump) *n.* [< TRIUMPH] 1 any playing card of a suit ranked higher than any other suit for a given hand 2 such a suit 3 any advantage held in reserve —*vt., vi.* to play a trump on (a trick, etc.) —**trump up** to devise fraudulently

**trump-er-y** (trump'ər ē) *n., pl. -ies* [< Fr *tromper*, deceive] 1 something showy but worthless 2 nonsense

**trum-pet** (trum'pit) *n.* [< OFr *trompe*] 1 a brass instrument consisting of a looped tube with a flared bell and three valves 2 a trumpetlike device for channeling sound, as an early kind of hearing aid 3 a sound like that of a trumpet —*vi.* to make the sound of a trumpet —*vt.* to proclaim loudly —**trum'pet-er** *n.*

**trun-cate** (trun'kāt') *vt.* **-cat'ed**, **-cat'ing** [< L *truncus*, stem] to cut off a part of —**trun-ca'tion** *n.*

**trun-cheon** (trun'chən) *n.* [< L *truncus*, stem] [Chiefly Brit.] a policeman's stick or billy

**trun-dle** (trun'dəl) *vt., vi.* **-dled**, **-dling** [< OE *trendan*, to roll] to roll along —**trun'dler** *n.*

**trundle bed** a low bed on small wheels, that can be rolled under another bed when not in use



**trunk** (trunk) *n.* [*< L truncus*] 1 the main stem of a tree 2 a human or animal body, not including the head and limbs 3 a long snout, as of an elephant 4 a large, reinforced box to hold clothes, etc. in travel 5 [*pl.*] shorts worn by men for athletics 6 a compartment in a car, usually in the rear, for luggage, etc.

**trunk line** a main line of a railroad, telephone system, etc.

**truss** (trus) *vt.* [*< OFr trousser*] 1 to tie, bind, or bundle: often with *up* 2 to support with a truss —*n.* 1 a bundle or pack 2 a framework for supporting a roof, bridge, etc. 3 a padded device for giving support in cases of rupture or hernia

**trust** (trust) *n.* [*< ON traust*] 1 *a*) firm belief in the honesty, reliability, etc. of another; faith *b*) the one trusted 2 confident expectation, hope, etc. 3 responsibility resulting from confidence placed in one 4 care; custody 5 something entrusted to one 6 faith in a buyer's ability to pay; credit 7 a combination of corporations to establish a monopoly 8 *Law a*) the fact of having nominal ownership of property to keep, use, or administer for another *b*) such property —*vi.* to be confident —*vt.* 1 to have confidence in 2 to commit (something) to a person's care 3 to allow to do something without misgivings 4 to believe 5 to hope; expect 6 to grant business credit to —*adj.* 1 relating to a trust 2 acting as trustee —*in trust* entrusted to another's care

**trust-ee** (trus tē') *n.* 1 one to whom another's property or its management is entrusted 2 a member of a board managing the affairs of a college; hospital, etc. —**trust-ee'ship** *n.*

**trust'ful** *adj.* full of trust; ready to confide; trusting —**trust'ful-ly** *adv.* —**trust'ful-ness** *n.*

**trust fund** money, securities, etc. held in trust

**trust'ing** *adj.* that trusts; trustful

**trust territory** a territory placed under the administrative authority of a country by the United Nations

**trust'wor'thy** *adj.* -*thi-er*, -*thi-est* worthy of trust; reliable —**trust'worthi-ness** *n.*

**trust'y** *adj.* -*i-er*, -*i-est* dependable; trustworthy —*n., pl.* -*ies* a convict granted special privileges as a trustworthy person

**truth** (trōth) *n., pl.* truths (trōthz, trōths) [*OE treowth*] 1 a being true; specif., *a*) sincerity; honesty *b*) conformity with fact *c*) reality; actual existence *d*) correctness; accuracy 2 that which is true 3 an established fact —*in truth* truly

**truth'ful** *adj.* 1 telling the truth; honest 2 corresponding with fact or reality —**truth'ful-ly** *adv.* —**truth'ful-ness** *n.*

**try** (tri) *vt.* tried, try'ing [*< OFr trier*] 1 to melt out or render (fat, etc.) 2 to conduct the trial of in a law court 3 to put to the proof; test 4 to subject to trials, etc.; afflict 5 to experiment with [to try a recipe] 6 to attempt; endeavor —*vi.*

to make an effort, attempt, etc. —*n., pl.* tries an attempt; effort; trial —**try on** to test the fit of (something to wear) by putting it on —**try out** 1 to test by putting into use 2 to test one's fitness, as for a place on a team

**try'ing** *adj.* that tries one's patience; annoying; irksome —**try'ing-ly** *adv.*

**try'out** *n.* [*Inf.*] a test to determine fitness, etc.

**tryst** (trist) *n.* [*< OFr triste*, hunting station] 1 an appointment to meet, esp. one made by lovers 2 an appointed meeting or meeting place

**tsar** (tsär, zär) *n.* *alt. sp. of* CZAR (sense 1) —**tsa-ri-na** (tsä rē'nä, zä-) *fem.n.*

**tset·se fly** (tset'sē, tsēt'-) [*< Bantu name*] a small fly of central and S Africa: one kind carries sleeping sickness

**T'-shirt** *n.* a collarless pullover knit shirt with short sleeves: also **t'-shirt**

**tsp** *abbrev.* teaspoon(s) or teaspoonful(s)

**T square** a T-shaped ruler for drawing parallel lines

**tsu·na·mi** (tsōō nā'mē) *n., pl.* -*mis* or -*mi* [*Jpn < tsu*, a harbor + *nami*, a wave] a huge sea wave caused by an undersea earthquake, volcanic eruption, etc.

**tub** (tub) *n.* [*< MDu tubbe*] 1 a round, wooden container, usually with staves and hoops 2 any large, open container, as of metal 3 a bathtub



TUBA

**tu·ba** (tōō'bä) *n.* [*L, trumpet*] a large, low-pitched brass musical instrument

**tub·al** (tōō'bäl) *adj.* of or in a tube, esp. a fallopian tube [a tubal pregnancy]

**tub·by** (tub'ē) *adj.* -*bi-er*, -*bi-est* 1 shaped like a tub 2 fat and short

**tube** (tōōb) *n.* [*< L tubus*, pipe] 1 a slender pipe of metal, glass, etc. for conveying fluids 2 a tubelike part, organ, etc. 3 a pliable cylinder with a screw cap, for holding paste, etc. 4 *short for:* *a*) ELECTRON TUBE *b*) VACUUM TUBE 5 [*Brit.*] a subway —**the tube** [*Inf.*] television —**tube'less** *adj.*

**tu·ber** (tōō'bär) *n.* [*L, lit., a swelling*] a short, thick part of an underground stem, as a potato —**tu'ber-ous** *adj.*

**tu'ber·cle** (-käl) *n.* [*see prec.*] 1 a small, rounded projection, as on a bone or a plant root 2 any abnormal hard nodule or swelling; specif., the typical lesion of tuberculosis

**tu·ber·cu·lin** (tōō bär'kyä lin) *n.* a solution injected into the skin as a test for



tuberculosis

**tu·ber·cu·lo·sis** (-lō'sis) *n.* [see TUBER-  
CLE & -OSIS] an infectious disease char-  
acterized by the formation of tubercles  
in body tissue; specif., tuberculosis of  
the lungs —**tu·ber·cu·lar** or **tu·ber·cu·**  
**lous** *adj.*

**tube sock** a stretchable sock in the form  
of a long tube with no shaped heel

**tube top** a tight-fitting, one-piece,  
sleeveless and strapless women's gar-  
ment for the upper body

**tub·ing** (tōō'bin) *n.* 1 a series or system  
of tubes 2 material in the form of a  
tube 3 a piece of tube

**tu·bu·lar** (tōō'byə lər) *adj.* [ < L *tubus*,  
pipe] 1 of or like a tube 2 made with a  
tube or tubes

**tu'bule'** (-byōōl') *n.* a small tube

**tuck** (tuk) *vt.* [ < MDu *tucken*] 1 to pull  
or gather (*up*) in a fold or folds 2 to sew  
a fold or folds in (a garment) 3 to fold  
the edges of (a sheet, etc.) under or in,  
to make secure 4 to press snugly into a  
small space —*n.* 1 a sewed fold in a  
garment 2 [Inf.] cosmetic plastic sur-  
gery to remove fat

**tuck·er** (tuk'ər) *vt.* [prob. < prec., in obs.  
sense "to punish, rebuke"] [Inf.] to tire  
(*out*); weary

**Tuc·son** (tōō'sän') city in S Arizona: pop.  
405,000

**-tude** (tōōd, tyōōd) [ < L *-tudo*] *suffix*  
state, quality, or instance of being

**Tues·day** (tōōz'dā) *n.* [OE *Tiwes dæg*,  
day of the god of war *Tiu*] the third day  
of the week: abbrev. **Tue**, **Tues**

**tuft** (tuft) *n.* [ < OFr *tufe*] 1 a bunch of  
hairs, grass, etc. growing closely  
together 2 any cluster, as the fluffy  
ball forming the end of a cluster of  
threads drawn through a mattress —*vt.*  
1 to provide with tufts 2 to secure the  
padding of (a mattress, etc.) with tufts  
—**tuft'ed** *adj.* —**tuft'er** *n.*

**tug** (tug) *vi.*, *vt.* **tugged**, **tug'ging** [prob.  
< ON *toga*, to pull] 1 to pull hard; drag;  
haul 2 to tow with a tugboat —*n.* 1 a  
hard pull 2 a tugboat

**tug·boat** (tug'bōt') *n.* a sturdy, powerful  
boat for towing or pushing ships,  
barges, etc.

**tug of war** 1 a contest in which two  
teams pull at opposite ends of a rope 2  
a power struggle

**tu·i·tion** (tōō ish'an) *n.* [ < L *tueri*, pro-  
tect] the charge for instruction, as at a  
college

**tu·la·re·mi·a** (tōō'lə rē'mē ə) *n.* [after  
*Tulare* County, CA] an infectious dis-  
ease of rodents, esp. rabbits, transmis-  
sible to humans

**tu·lip** (tōō'lip) *n.* [ < Turk *tül·bend*, tur-  
ban: from its shape] 1 a bulb plant  
with a large, cup-shaped flower 2 the  
flower

**tulle** (tōōl) *n.* [after *Tulle*, city in  
France] a fine netting of silk, rayon,  
nylon, etc., used as for veils and scarves

**Tul·sa** (tul'sə) city in NE Oklahoma: pop.  
367,000

**tum·ble** (tum'bəl) *vi.* -bled, -bling [ < OE  
*tumbian*, to jump] 1 to do somersaults  
or similar acrobatic feats 2 to fall sud-

denly or helplessly 3 to toss or roll  
about 4 to move in a hasty, disorderly  
manner —*vt.* 1 to cause to tumble 2 to  
put into disorder; disarrange —*n.* 1 a  
fall 2 disorder

**tum'ble·down'** *adj.* dilapidated

**tum'bler** (-blər) *n.* 1 an acrobat who  
does somersaults, etc. 2 a drinking  
glass 3 a part of a lock whose position  
must be changed by a key in order to  
release the bolt

**tum'ble·weed'** *n.* a plant that breaks  
off near the ground in autumn and is  
blown about by the wind

**tum·brel** or **tum·bril** (tum'brəl) *n.* [ <  
Fr *tomber*, to fall] a cart that can be  
tilted for emptying

**tu·mes·cence** (tōō mes'əns) *n.* [see fol.]  
1 a swelling; distention 2 a swollen or  
distended part —**tu·mes'cent** *adj.*

**tu·mid** (tōō'mid) *adj.* [ < L *tumere*, to  
swell] 1 swollen; bulging 2 inflated or  
pompous —**tu·mid'i·ty** *n.*

**tum·my** (tum'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -mies [Inf.] the  
stomach or abdomen

**tu·mor** (tōō'mər) *n.* [L, a swelling] an  
abnormal growth of new tissue, inde-  
pendent of its surrounding structures;  
neoplasm: Brit. sp. **tu'mour**

**tu·mult** (tōō'mult') *n.* [ < L *tumere*, to  
swell] 1 noisy commotion 2 confusion;  
disturbance

**tu·mul·tu·ous** (tōō mul'chōō əs) *adj.* full  
of tumult, uproar, etc.

**tun** (tun) *n.* [OE *tunne*] a large cask

**tu·na** (tōō'nə) *n.*, *pl.* -na or -nas [AmSp]  
1 a large, edible ocean fish, as the alba-  
core 2 the flesh of the tuna, canned for  
food: also **tuna** fish

**tun·dra** (tun'drə) *n.* [Russ] a vast, tree-  
less arctic plain

**tune** (tōōn) *n.* [ME, var. of *tone*, *tone*] 1  
a rhythmic succession of musical tones;  
melody 2 *a*) correct musical pitch *b*)  
agreement; concord: now used chiefly in  
the phrases **in tune** and **out of tune** —  
*vt.* **tuned**, **tun'ing** 1 to adjust (a musi-  
cal instrument) to some standard of  
pitch 2 to adapt to some condition,  
mood, etc. 3 to adjust (a motor, circuit,  
etc.) for proper performance —**to the**  
**tune of** [Inf.] to the sum, price, or  
extent of —**tune in** to adjust a radio or  
TV receiver so as to receive (a station,  
etc.) —**tun'er** *n.*

**tune'ful** *adj.* full of music; melodious

**tune'less** *adj.* 1 not melodious 2 not  
producing music —**tune'less·ly** *adv.* —  
**tune'less·ness** *n.*

**tune'up'** or **tune'·up'** *n.* an adjusting,  
as of an engine, to the proper condition

**tung·sten** (tun'stən) *n.* [Swed. < *tung*,  
heavy + *sten*, stone] a hard, heavy  
metallic chemical element, used in  
steel, etc.

**tu·nic** (tōō'nik, tyōō'-) *n.* [L *tunica*] 1 a  
loose, gownlike garment worn by men  
and women in ancient Greece and Rome  
2 a blouselike garment extending to the  
hips, often belted

**tuning fork** a two-pronged steel instru-  
ment which when struck sounds a cer-



tain fixed tone in perfect pitch

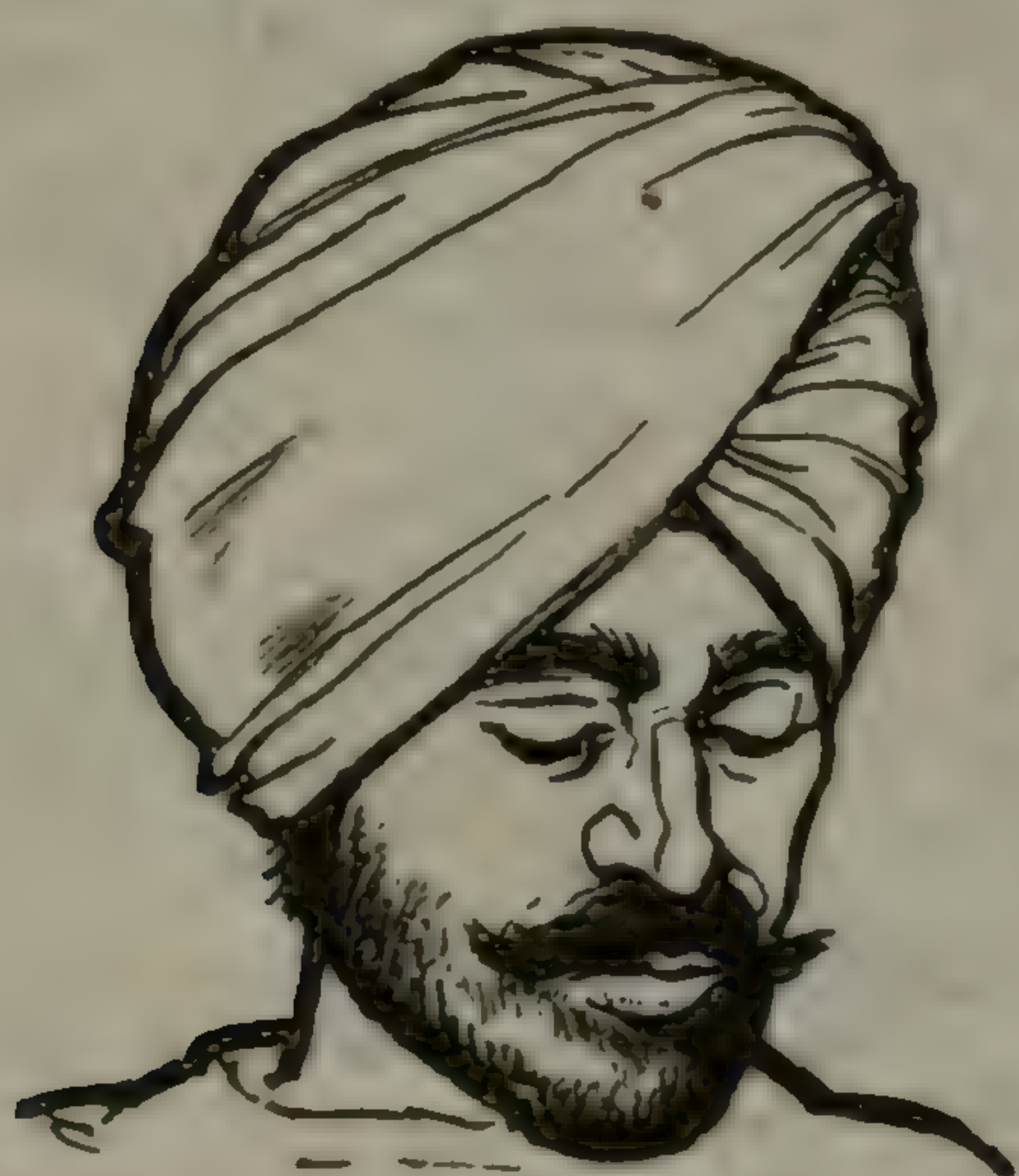
**Tu-nis** (tōō'nis) seaport & capital of Tunisia: pop. 674,000

**Tu-ni-si-a** (tōō nē'zhə) country in N Africa, on the Mediterranean: 63,378 sq. mi.; pop. 6,966,000 —**Tu-ni'si-an** *adj.*, *n.*

**tun-nel** (tun'əl) *n.* [*< Fr tonnelle, a vault*] 1 an underground passageway, as for autos, etc. 2 any tunnel-like passage, as in a mine —*vt.*, *vi.* -neled or -nelled, -nel-ing or -nel-ling to make a tunnel (through or under) —**tun'nel-er** or **tun'nel-ler** *n.*

**tunnel vision** a narrow outlook, as on a particular problem

**tun-ny** (tun'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -nies TUNA (sense 1)



TURBAN

**tur-ban** (tər'bən) *n.* [*< Pers dulbānd*] 1 a headdress worn by men in parts of Asia, consisting of cloth wound in folds about the head 2 any similar headdress

**tur-bid** (tər'bid) *adj.* [*< L turba, a crowd*] 1 muddy or cloudy from stirring sediment 2 thick, dense, or dark, as clouds 3 confused

**tur-bine** (tər'bin, -bīn') *n.* [*< L turbo, a whirl*] an engine driven as by the pressure of steam, water, or air against the curved vanes of a wheel

**tur-bo-charge** (tər'bō chärj') *vt.* -charged', -charg'ing to increase the power of (an engine) by the use of a type of compressor (**tur'bo-charg'er**) driven by a turbine powered by exhaust gases

**tur'bo-fan'** (-fan') *n.* a turbojet engine developing extra thrust from air that bypasses the combustion chamber and is accelerated by a fan: in full **turbofan** engine

**tur'bo-jet'** (-jet') *n.* 1 a jet engine in which the energy of the jet spins a turbine which drives the air compressor: in full **turbojet** engine 2 an aircraft with such an engine

**tur'bo-prop'** (-präp') *n.* 1 a turbojet engine whose turbine shaft drives a propeller: in full **turboprop** engine 2 an aircraft with such an engine

**tur-bot** (tər'bət) *n.*, *pl.* -bot or -bots [*< OFr tourbout*] any of various flounders highly regarded as food

**tur-bu-lent** (tər'byə lənt) *adj.* [*< L*

*turba, a crowd*] 1 wild or disorderly 2 full of violent motion —**tur'bu-lence** *n.* —**tur'bu-lent-ly** *adv.*

**tu-reen** (too rēn') *n.* [*< Fr terrine, earthen vessel*] a large, deep dish with a lid, for soups, etc.

**turf** (tərf) *n.* [*OE*] 1 *a*) a top layer of earth containing grass with its roots; sod *b*) [Chiefly Brit.] a piece of this 2 peat 3 a track for horse racing; also, horse racing: usually with *the* 4 [Slang] *a*) an area seen by a street gang as its territory to be defended *b*) one's own territory —*vt.* to cover with turf —**turf'y** *adj.*

**tur-gid** (tər'jid) *adj.* [*< L turgere, to swell*] 1 swollen; distended 2 bombastic; pompous —**tur-gid'i-ty** or **tur'gid-ness** *n.* —**tur'gid-ly** *adv.*

**Tu-rin** (toor'in) city in NW Italy: pop. 953,000

**Turk**<sup>1</sup> (tərk) *n.* a person born or living in Turkey

**Turk**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 Turkey 2 Turkish

**tur-key** (tər'kē) *n.* [*< similarity to a fowl formerly imported through Turkey*] 1 a large North American bird with a spreading tail 2 its flesh, used as food

**Tur-key** (tər'kē) country occupying Asia Minor & a SE part of the Balkan Peninsula: 300,947 sq. mi.; pop. 56,473,000

**turkey vulture** a dark-colored vulture of temperate and tropical America: also **turkey buzzard**



TURKEY VULTURE

**Turk-ic** (tər'kik) *adj.* designating or of a family of languages including Turkish, Tatar, etc.

**Turk-ish** (tər'kish) *adj.* of Turkey or its people, language, etc. —*n.* the language of Turkey

**Turkish bath** a bathhouse with steam rooms, showers, massage, etc.

**Turk-men-i-stan** (tərk men'i stan') country in central Asia: formerly a republic of the U.S.S.R.: 186,400 sq. mi.; pop. 3,523,000

**tur-mer-ic** (tər'mər ik) *n.* [*< ML terra merita, deserved earth*] an East Indian plant whose powdered root is used as a yellow dye or a seasoning

**tur-moil** (tər'moil') *n.* [*< ?*] tumult; commotion

**turn** (tərn) *vt.* [*ult. < Gr tornos, a lathe*] 1 to rotate (a wheel, etc.) 2 to move around or partly around [*turn the key*] 3 to give form to, as in a lathe 4 to change the position or direction of 5 to reverse the position or sides of 6 to wrench [*turn one's ankle*] 7 to upset



(the stomach) 8 to deflect; divert 9 to cause to change actions, beliefs, aims, etc. 10 to go around (a corner, etc.) 11 to reach or pass (a certain age, amount, etc.) 12 to drive, set, let go, etc. [*turn the dog loose*] 13 to direct, point, aim, etc. 14 to change [*to turn cream into butter*] 15 to make sour 16 to affect in some way —*vi.* 1 to rotate or revolve; pivot 2 to move around or partly around 3 to reel; whirl 4 to become upset: said of the stomach 5 to change or reverse course, direction, etc., or one's feelings, allegiance, etc. 6 to refer (*to*) 7 to apply (*to*) for help 8 to shift one's attention [*he turned to music*] 9 to make a sudden attack (*on*) 10 to be contingent or depend (*on* or *upon*) 11 to become [*to turn cold*] 12 to change to another form [*the rain turned to snow*] 13 to become rancid, sour, etc. —*n.* 1 a turning around; rotation; revolution 2 a single twist, winding, etc. 3 a change or reversal of course or direction 4 a short walk, ride, etc. 5 a bend; curve [*a turn in the road*] 6 a change in trend, events, etc. 7 a sudden shock or fright 8 an action or deed [*a good turn*] 9 the right, duty, or chance to do something in regular order [*my turn to go*] 10 a distinctive form, detail, etc. [*an odd turn of speech*] 11 natural inclination [*a curious turn of mind*] —*in* (or *out of*) *turn* (not) in proper sequence —*turn down* to reject (a request, etc.) —*turn in* 1 to deliver; hand in 2 [*Inf.*] to go to bed —*turn off* 1 to stop the flow of (water, gas, etc.) 2 to make (an electrical device) stop functioning 3 [*Slang*] to cause to be bored, depressed, etc. —*turn on* 1 to start the flow of 2 to make (an electrical device) start functioning 3 [*Slang*] to make or become elated, enthusiastic, etc. —*turn out* 1 to put out (a light, etc.) 2 to dismiss 3 to come out or assemble 4 to produce 5 to result 6 to prove to be 7 [*Inf.*] to get out of bed —*turn over* 1 to ponder 2 to hand over; transfer —*turn up* to happen, appear, arrive, etc. —*turn'er n.*

**turn'a-bout' n.** a shift or reversal of position, allegiance, opinion, etc.

**turn'a-round' n.** 1 TURNABOUT 2 a wide area, as in a driveway, for turning a vehicle around



TURNBUCKLE

**turn'buck'le (-buk'al) n.** an adjustable coupling for two rods, etc., consisting of a metal sleeve with opposite internal threads at each end

**turn'coat n.** a renegade; traitor

**turn'ing n.** 1 the action of one that turns 2 a place where a road, etc. turns

**turning point** a point in time when a decisive change occurs

**tur-nip (tur'nip) n.** [*prob. < Fr tour, round + ME nepe, turnip*] 1 a plant related to cabbage and broccoli, with a light-colored, roundish, edible root 2 the root

**turn'key' n., pl. -keys'** a jailer

**turn'off' n.** 1 a turning off 2 a place to turn off, as a road ramp 3 [*Slang*] someone or something regarded as being boring, distasteful, etc.

**turn'-on' n.** [*Slang*] someone or something regarded as being interesting, exciting, etc.

**turn'out' n.** 1 a gathering of people, as for a meeting 2 a wider part of a narrow road, enabling vehicles to pass each other

**turn'o-ver n.** 1 a small pie with half the crust folded back over the other half 2 *a*) the number of times a stock of goods is sold and replaced in a given period *b*) the amount of business done during a given period 3 the rate of replacement of workers

**turn'pike' (-pik') n.** [*ME turnpyke, a spiked road barrier*] a toll road, esp. one that is an expressway

**turn'stile' (-stil') n.** a device, as a post with revolving horizontal bars, placed in an entrance to allow the passage of persons one at a time

**turn'ta'ble n.** a circular rotating platform, as for supporting a phonograph record being played

**tur-pen-tine (tur'pən tīn') n.** [*< Gr ter-ebinthos, tree yielding this substance*] a colorless, volatile oil distilled from a substance extracted from various coniferous trees: used in paints, etc.

**tur-pi-tude (tur'pi tōd') n.** [*< L turpis, vile*] baseness; vileness

**tur-quoise (tur'koiz', -kwoiz') n.** [*< OFr turqueis, Turkish*] 1 a greenish-blue semiprecious stone 2 its color

**tur-ret (tur'it) n.** [*see TOWER*] 1 a small tower projecting from a building, usually at a corner 2 a dome or revolving structure for guns, as on a warship, tank, or airplane 3 a rotating attachment for a lathe, etc. holding cutting tools

**tur-tle (tart'l) n.** [*< Fr tortue, tortoise*] any of various land or water reptiles having a soft body encased in a tough shell —*turn turtle* to turn upside down

**tur'tle-dove' n.** [*< L echoic turtur*] a wild dove with a plaintive call

**tur'tle-neck' n.** 1 a high, snug, turned-down collar, as on a pullover sweater 2 a sweater, etc. with such a collar

**tusk (tusk) n.** [*OE tucs*] a very long, large, pointed tooth projecting outside the mouth

**tus-sle (tus'al) vi. -sled, -sling, n.** [*< ME tusen, to pull*] struggle; scuffle

**tus-sock (tus'ək) n.** [*< ?*] a thick tuft or clump of grass, sedge, etc.

**tu-te-lage (tōt'l ij) n.** [*< L tutela, protection*] 1 guardianship; care, protection, etc. 2 instruction —*tu'te-lary (-er'ē) adj.*

**tu-tor (tōt'ər) n.** [*< L tueri, to guard*] a private teacher —*vt., vi.* to act as a tutor (*to*); teach —*tu-to-ri-al (tō tōr'ē al, tyō-)* *adj., n.*

**tut-ti-frut-ti (tōt'ē frōt'ē) n.** [*It, all fruits*] ice cream, etc. made with mixed fruits





TUTU

**tu·tu** (tōō'tōō') *n.* [Fr] a very short, full, projecting skirt worn by ballerinas

**Tu·va·lu** (tōō'və lōō') country on a group of islands in the WC Pacific, north of Fiji: 10 sq. mi.; pop. 10,000

**tux** (tuks) *n., pl. tux'es* short for TUXEDO

**tux·e·do** (tuk sē'dō) *n., pl. -dos* [after a country club near Tuxedo Lake, NY] a man's semiformal suit with a tailless jacket

**TV** *n.* 1 television 2 *pl.* TVs or TV's a television receiving set

**TVA** *abbrev.* Tennessee Valley Authority

**TV dinner** a frozen, precooked dinner packaged in a divided tray for heating and serving

**twad·dle** (twäd'l) *n.* [prob. var. of TATTLE] foolish, empty talk or writing; nonsense

**twain** (twān) *adj., n.* [OE *twegen*, two] *archaic var. of TWO*

**Twain** (twān), Mark *pseud. for* Samuel Langhorne CLEMENS

**twang** (twan) *n.* [echoic] 1 a sharp, vibrating sound, as of a plucked string 2 a sharply nasal way of speaking —*vi., vt.* to make or cause to make a twang —*twang'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.*

**'twas** (twuz, twäz) *contr.* [Old Poet.] it was

**tweak** (twēk) *vt.* [OE *twiccan*, to twitch] 1 to give a twisting pinch to (someone's nose, ear, etc.) 2 to adjust slightly —*n.* such a pinch

**tweed** (twēd) *n.* [< misreading of *tweel*, Scot form of TWILL] 1 a rough wool fabric in a weave of two or more colors 2 [*pl.*] clothes of tweed

**tweed'y** *adj. -i-er, -i-est* 1 of, like, or wearing tweeds 2 having an informal style, a fondness for the outdoors, etc.

**'tween** (twēn) *contr. prep.* [ME *twene*] [Old Poet.] between

**tweet** (twēt) *interj., n.* [echoic] (used to signify or imitate) the thin, chirping sound of a small bird —*vi.* to make this sound

**tweet'er** *n.* a small, high-fidelity speaker for reproducing high-frequency sounds

**tweeze** (twēz) *vt.* tweezed, tweez'ing to pluck with tweezers

**tweez·ers** (twē'zərz) *pl.n.* [< obs. *tweeze*, surgical set] [also with *sing. v.*] a small tool having two arms joined at one end, for plucking out hairs, etc.

**twelfth** (twelfth) *adj.* [OE *twelfta*] preceded by eleven others; 12th —*n.* 1 the one following the eleventh 2 any of the twelve equal parts of something;  $\frac{1}{12}$

**Twelfth Day Epiphany**, the twelfth day after Christmas: **Twelfth Night** is the evening before, or of, Epiphany

**twelve** (twelv) *adj., n.* [OE *twelf*] two more than ten; 12; XII

**12-step** or **twelve-step** (twelv'step') *adj.* designating or of any rehabilitation program modeled on that of AA

**twelve'-tone'** *adj.* Music of composition in which the twelve tones of the chromatic scale are fixed in some arbitrary succession (*tone row*)

**twen·ty** (twent'ē) *adj., n., pl. -ties* [OE *twegentig*] two times ten; 20; XX —the **twenties** the numbers or years, as of a century, from 20 through 29 —**twen'ti-eth** (-ith) *adj., n.*

**twen'ty-one'** *n.* BLACKJACK (*n.* 2)

**twen'ty-twen'ty** (or 20/20) *vision* normal visual ability, i.e., seeing clearly at 20 feet what the normal eye sees at 20 feet

**twerp** (twarp) *n.* [ult. < ? Dan *tver*, perverse] [Slang] a person regarded as insignificant, contemptible, etc.

**twice** (twis) *adv.* [OE *twiga*] 1 two times 2 two times as much or as many

**twid·dle** (twid'l) *vt., vi. -dled, -dling* [prob. < TW(IST) + (*d*)iddle, move back and forth rapidly] to twirl or play with (something) lightly or idly —**twiddle one's thumbs** to be idle

**twig** (twig) *n.* [OE *twigge*] a small branch of a tree or shrub

**twi·light** (twī'lit') *n.* [ME] 1 the subdued light just after sunset 2 the period from sunset to dark 3 a gradual decline —*adj.* of twilight

**twi·lit** (twī'lit) *adj.* in the subdued light of twilight

**twill** (twil) *n.* [OE *twilic*, woven of double thread] a kind of cloth woven in parallel diagonal lines —**twilled** *adj.*

**twin** (twin) *adj.* [OE *twinn*, double] 1 consisting of, or being one of a pair of, two similar things 2 being a twin or twins —*n.* 1 either of two offspring from the same pregnancy 2 either of two persons or things that are very much alike

**twin bed** either of a pair of single beds

**twine** (twīn) *n.* [OE *twīn*] strong thread, string, etc. of strands twisted together —*vt., vi.* twined, twin'ing 1 to twist together 2 to wind (around)

**twinge** (twinj) *vt., vi.* twinged, twing'ing [OE *twengan*, to squeeze] to (cause to) have a sudden, sharp pain, qualm, etc. —*n.* such a pain, etc.

**twi·night** or **twi·night** (twī'nīt') *adj.* [TWI(LIGHT) + NIGHT] Baseball designating a double-header starting in late afternoon and going into evening

**twin·kle** (twīn'kəl) *vi. -kled, -kling* [OE *twīnclian*] 1 to shine with quick, intermittent gleams 2 to light up, as with



amusement: said of the eyes 3 to move to and fro quickly: said as of a dancer's feet —*n.* 1 a glint in the eye 2 a gleam; sparkle

**twin'kling** *n.* an instant

**twin'-size'** *adj.* of or being the standard size of a twin bed: also **twin'-sized'**

**twirl** (*twarl*) *vt., vi.* [*prob. < Scand*] 1 to rotate rapidly; spin 2 to whirl in a circle —*n.* 1 a twirling 2 a twist, coil, etc. —**twirl'er** *n.*

**twist** (*twist*) *vt.* [*< OE -twist, a rope*] 1 to wind (strands, etc.) around one another 2 to wind (rope, etc.) around something 3 to give spiral shape to 4 a) to subject to torsion b) to wrench; sprain 5 to contort or distort 6 to confuse 7 to pervert the meaning of 8 to cause to rotate 9 to break (*off*) by turning the end —*vi.* 1 to undergo twisting 2 to spiral, twine, etc. (*around* or *about*) 3 to revolve or rotate 4 to wind, as a path does 5 to squirm; writhe —*n.* 1 something twisted 2 a twisting or being twisted 3 stress produced by twisting 4 a contortion 5 a wrench or sprain 6 a turn; bend 7 distortion, as of meaning 8 an unexpected or different direction, method, slant, etc.

**twist'er** *n.* 1 a person or thing that twists 2 [*Inf.*] a tornado or cyclone

**twist'-tie'** *n.* a short wire covered with paper or plastic, twisted to tie closed a plastic bag, etc.

**twit**<sup>1</sup> (*twit*) *vt.* **twit'ted**, **twit'ting** [*< OE æt, at + witan, accuse*] to reproach, taunt, etc.

**twit**<sup>2</sup> (*twit*) *n.* [*< ?*] [*Inf.*] a foolish, contemptible person

**twitch** (*twitch*) *vt., vi.* [*< OE twiccian, to pluck*] to pull (at) or move with a quick, slight jerk —*n.* 1 a twitching 2 a sudden, quick motion, esp. a spasmodic one

**twitch'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est [*Inf.*] nervous; jittery

**twit-ter** (*twit'ər*) *vi.* [*ME twiteren*] 1 to chirp rapidly 2 a) to chatter b) to giggle 3 to tremble with excitement —*n.* 1 a twittering 2 a condition of trembling excitement

**'twixt** (*twikst*) *prep.* [*Old Poet.*] betwixt; between

**two** (*tōō*) *adj., n.* [*OE twa*] one more than one; 2; II —in **two** in two parts

**two'-bit'** *adj.* [*Slang*] cheap, inferior, etc.

**two bits** [*Inf.*] twenty-five cents

**two'-by-four'** *n.* a piece of lumber two inches thick and four inches wide when untrimmed (1½ by 3½ inches trimmed)

**two'-edged'** *adj.* 1 having two cutting edges 2 that can be taken two ways [*a two-edged remark*]

**two'-faced'** *adj.* 1 having two faces, surfaces, etc. 2 deceitful; hypocritical

**two-fer** (*tōō'fər*) *n.* [*altered < two for*] [*Inf.*] a pair, as of theater tickets, sold for the price of one

**two'-fist'ed** *adj.* [*Inf.*] 1 able to use both fists 2 vigorous; virile

**two'fold'** *adj.* 1 having two parts 2 having twice as much or as many —*adv.* twice as much or as many

**two'-hand'ed** *adj.* 1 requiring the use

of both hands 2 operated, played, etc. by two persons

**two-pence** (*tup'əns*) *n.* two pence

**two'-ply'** *adj.* having two layers, strands, etc.

**two'some** (-*səm*) *n.* two people; a couple

**two'-time'** *vt.* -timed', -tim'ing [*Slang*] to be unfaithful to —**two'-tim'er** *n.*

**two'-tone'** *adj.* of or having two colors

**two'-way'** *adj.* 1 allowing passage in either direction 2 involving two or used in two ways

**Twp** *abbrev.* township

**TX** Texas

**-ty** (*tē, ti*) [*< L -tas*] *suffix* quality of, condition of

**ty-coon** (*tī kōōn'*) *n.* [*< Jpn < Chin tai, great + kuan, official*] a wealthy, powerful industrialist, financier, etc.

**ty-ing** (*tī'ing*) *vt., vi. prp.* of TIE

**tyke** (*tik*) *n.* [*< ON tik, a bitch*] [*Inf.*] a small child

**Ty-ler** (*tī'lər*), John 1790-1862; 10th president of the U.S. (1841-45)

**tym-pa-ni** (*tim'pə nē*) *pl.n., sing. -no'* (-*nō'*) *alt. sp. of* TIMPANI —**tym'pa-nist** *n.*

**tym-pan-ic membrane** (*tim pan'ik*) a thin membrane inside the ear that vibrates when struck by sound waves

**tym-pa-num** (*tim'pə nəm*) *n., pl. -nums* or -*na* (-*nə*) [*L, a drum*] 1 MIDDLE EAR 2 TYMPANIC MEMBRANE

**type** (*tīp*) *n.* [*< Gr typos, a mark*] 1 the characteristic form, plan, style, etc. of a class or group 2 a class, group, etc. with characteristics in common 3 a person, animal, or thing representative of a class 4 a perfect example; model 5 a) a piece of metal or wood with a raised letter, etc. in reverse on its top, used in printing b) such pieces collectively c) a printed or photographically reproduced character or characters —*vt.* **typed**, **typ'ing** 1 to classify 2 to write using the keyboard of a typewriter or computer —*vi.* to use the keyboard of a typewriter or computer

**-type** (*tīp*) *combining form* 1 type, representative form, example [*stereotype*] 2 print, printing type

**type'cast'** *vt.* -cast', -cast'ing to cast (an actor) repeatedly in the same type of part

**type'script'** *n.* typewritten matter

**type'set'** *vt.* -set', -set'ting to set in type; compose

**type'set'ter** *n.* 1 a person who sets type 2 a machine for setting type

**type'write'** *vt., vi.* -wrote', -written, -writing to write with a typewriter: now usually *type*

**type'writ'er** *n.* a writing machine with a keyboard, for reproducing letters resembling printed ones

**ty-phoid** (*tī'foid'*) *n.* [*TYPH(US) + -OID*] an acute infectious disease caused by a bacillus and acquired by ingesting contaminated food or water: characterized by fever, intestinal disorders, etc.: in full **typhoid fever**

**ty-phoon** (*tī fōōn'*) *n.* [*< Chin tai-fung,*



great wind] a violent tropical cyclone originating in the W Pacific

**ty-phus** (tī'fəs) *n.* [*< Gr typhos, fever*] an acute infectious disease caused by certain bacteria, transmitted by fleas, lice, etc., and characterized by fever, skin rash, etc.: in full **typhus fever**

**typ-i-cal** (tip'i kəl) *adj.* 1 serving as a type 2 having the distinguishing characteristics of a class, group, etc.; representative 3 belonging to a type; characteristic —**typ'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**typ-i-fy** (tip'i fī') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing to have the characteristics of; be typical of; exemplify —**typ'i-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**typ-ist** (tip'ist) *n.* a person who operates a typewriter

**ty-po** (tī'pō) *n., pl. -pos* [*Inf.*] an error made in setting type or in typing

**ty-pog-ra-phy** (tī päg'rə fē) *n.* [*see TYPE & -GRAPHY*] 1 setting, and printing with, type 2 the arrangement, style, etc. of matter printed from type —**ty-pog'ra-pher** *n.* —**ty'po-graph'i-cal** (-pə graf'i kəl) *adj.* —**ty'po-graph'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**ty-ran-ni-cal** (tə ran'i kəl, tī-) *adj.* 1 of or suited to a tyrant 2 harsh, cruel, unjust, etc. Also **ty-ran'nic** —**ty-ran'ni-cal-ly** *adv.*

**ty-ran-nize** (tir'ə nīz') *vi.* -nized', -niz'ing 1 to govern as a tyrant 2 to govern or use authority harshly or cruelly —*vt.* to treat tyrannically; oppress



TYRANNOSAUR

**ty-ran-no-saur** (tə ran'ə sôr') *n.* [*< Gr tyrannos, tyrant + sauros, lizard*] a huge, two-footed, flesh-eating dinosaur: also **ty-ran'no-saur'us** (-əs)

**ty-ran-ny** (tir'ə nē) *n., pl. -nies* 1 the authority, government, etc. of a tyrant 2 cruel and unjust use of power 3 a tyrannical act —**tyr'an-nous** *adj.*

**ty-rant** (tī'rənt) *n.* [*< Gr tyrannos*] 1 an absolute ruler 2 a cruel, oppressive ruler, master, etc.

**ty-ro** (tī'rō) *n., pl. -ros* [*< L tiro, young soldier*] a beginner in learning something; novice

**Ty-rol** (ti rōl', -räl') *alt. sp. of TIROL*

**tzar** (tsär, zär) *n. var. of CZAR* —**tza-ri-na** (tsä rē'nə, zä-) *fem.n.*

## U

**u<sup>1</sup> or U** (yōō) *n., pl. u's, U's* the 21st letter of the English alphabet

**u<sup>2</sup>** *abbrev. unit(s)*

**U<sup>1</sup>** *abbrev.* 1 Union 2 United 3 University

**U<sup>2</sup>** *Chem. symbol for uranium*

**UAW** *abbrev. United Automobile Workers (of America)*

**u-biq-ui-tous** (yōō bik'wə təs) *adj.* [*< L ubique, everywhere*] (seemingly) present everywhere at the same time —**u-biq'ui-ty** *n.*

**U'-boat** *n.* [*< Ger Unterseeboot, under-sea boat*] a German submarine

**U bolt** a U-shaped bolt with threads and a nut at each end

**ud-der** (ud'ər) *n.* [*OE udr*] a baglike, milk-secreting organ with two or more teats, as in cows

**UFO** *n., pl. UFOs or UFO's* an unidentified flying object

**u-fol-o-gy** (yōō fäl'ə jē) *n.* the study of UFOs, esp. when regarded as spacecraft from another planet —**u-fol'o-gist** *n.*

**U-gan-da** (yōō gan'də, -gän'-) country in EC Africa: 93,065 sq. mi.; pop. 16,583,000 —**U-gan'dan** *adj., n.*

**ugh** (ookh, oo, ug, etc.) *interj.* used to express disgust, horror, etc.

**ug-ly** (ug'lē) *adj.* -li-er, -li-est [*< ON*

*uggr, fear*] 1 unpleasing to look at 2 bad, disgusting; etc. [*an ugly lie*] 3 ominous [*ugly storm clouds*] 4 [*Inf.*] cross; quarrelsome [*an ugly mood*] —**ug'li-ness** *n.*

**uh** (u, un) *interj.* 1 HUH 2 used when hesitating in speaking

**UHF or uhf** *abbrev. ultrahigh frequency*

**UK** United Kingdom

**u-kase** (yōō'kās', -kāz') *n.* [*Russ ukaz, edict*] an official decree

**U-kraine** (yōō krān') country in SE Europe: formerly a republic of the U.S.S.R.: 231,990 sq. mi.; pop. 51,452,000 —**U-krain'i-an** *n., adj.*

**u-ku-le-le** (yōō'kə lā'lē) *n.* [*Haw, leaping flea*] a small, four-stringed, guitarlike musical instrument

**UL** *trademark for Underwriters Laboratories*

**ul-cer** (ul'sər) *n.* [*L ulcus*] 1 an open sore, often one discharging pus, on the skin or some mucous membrane 2 any corrupt condition —**ul'cer-ous** *adj.*

**ul'cer-ate** (-āt') *vt., vi.* -at'ed, -at'ing to make or become ulcerous —**ul'cer-a'tion** *n.*

**ul-na** (ul'nə) *n., pl. -nae* (-nē) or -nas [*L, the elbow*] the larger of the two bones of the forearm —**ul'nar** *adj.*

**ul-ster** (ul'stər) *n.* [*after Ulster, in N Ireland*] a long, loose, heavy overcoat



**ult** *abbrev.* ultimate(ly)

**ul-te-ri-or** (ul tir'ē ər) *adj.* [L: see ULTRA-] 1 lying beyond or on the farther side 2 beyond what is expressed or implied; undisclosed

**ul-ti-mate** (ul'tə mit) *adj.* [L *ultimus*, last] 1 beyond which it is impossible to go 2 final; conclusive 3 basic 4 greatest possible —*n.* a final point or result —**ul'ti-mate-ly** *adv.*

**ul-ti-ma-tum** (ul'tə māt'əm) *n., pl.* -tums or -ta (-ə) [see prec.] a final offer or demand, as in negotiations

**ul-tra** (ul'trə) *adj.* [L *fol.*] going beyond the usual limit; extreme

**ultra-** [L < *ultra*, beyond] *prefix* 1 beyond [*ultrasonic*] 2 extremely [*ultra-conservative*]

**ul-tra-con-serv-a-tive** (ul'trə kən sər'və tiv) *adj.* extremely conservative

**ul-tra-high frequency** (ul'trə hī') any radio frequency between 300 and 3,000 megahertz

**ul'tra-ma-rine'** (-mə rēn') *adj.* deep-blue —*n.* deep blue

**ul'tra-son'ic** (-sän'ik) *adj.* above the range of sound audible to the human ear —**ul'tra-son'i-cal-ly** *adv.*

**ul'tra-sound'** (-sound') *n.* ultrasonic waves, used in medical diagnosis and therapy, etc.

**ul'tra-vi'o-let** (-vi'ə lit) *adj.* of or designating those rays that are just beyond the violet end of the visible spectrum

**ul-u-late** (yool'yoo lāt', ul'-) *vi.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [L *ululare*, to howl] to howl, hoot, or wail loudly —**ul'u-la'tion** *n.*

**U-lys-ses** (yoo lis'ēz') *n.* [ML] ODYSSEUS

**um-bel** (um'bəl) *n.* [L *umbella*, parasol: see UMBRELLA] a cluster of flowers with stalks of similar length springing from the same point

**um-ber** (um'bər) *n.* [L *terra d'ombra*, (earth of) shade] 1 a kind of earth used as a yellowish-brown or reddish-brown pigment 2 a yellowish-brown or reddish-brown color

**um-bil-i-cal** (um bil'i kəl) *adj.* [L *umbilicus*, navel] of a cordlike structure (**umbilical cord**) connecting a fetus's navel to the placenta, for conveying nourishment to, and removing waste from, the fetus

**um-bil-i-cus** (um bil'i kəs) *n., pl.* -ci' (-sī') [L] NAVEL

**um-bra** (um'brə) *n., pl.* -brae (-brē) or -bras [L, a shade] 1 shade or a shadow 2 the dark cone of shadow from a planet or satellite on the side opposite the sun

**um-brage** (um'brij) *n.* [L *umbra*, a shade] 1 [Obs.] shade 2 offense or resentment

**um-brel-la** (um brel'ə) *n.* [L *umbra*, a shade] 1 a screen, usually of cloth on a folding frame, carried for protection against rain or sun 2 any comprehensive, protective alliance, strategy, device, etc.

**u-mi-ak** (oo'mē ak') *n.* [Esk] a large, open boat made of skins on a wooden frame, used by Eskimos

**um-laut** (oom'lout) *n.* [Ger < *um*, about + *laut*, a sound] *Linguistics* 1 a vowel changed in sound by its assimilation to

another vowel 2 the mark (·) placed over such a vowel

**ump** (ump) *n., vt., vi.* short for UMPIRE

**um-pire** (um'pīr') *n.* [L *nomper*, uneven, hence a third person] 1 a person chosen to judge a dispute 2 an official who administers the rules in certain sports —*vt., vi.* -pired', -piring to act as umpire (in or of)

**ump-teen** (ump'tēn') *adj.* [Slang] very many —**ump'teenth'** *adj.*

**UN** *abbrev.* United Nations

**un-** *prefix* 1 [OE] not, lack of, the opposite of [*unconcern*] 2 [OE *un-*, *on-*] back: indicating a reversal of action [*unfold*] The following list includes some common compounds formed with *un-* (either sense) that do not have special meanings:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| unabashed       | uncooked      |
| unable          | uncooperative |
| unabridged      | uncoordinated |
| unaccented      | uncultivated  |
| unacceptable    | undamaged     |
| unaccompanied   | undefeated    |
| unacquainted    | undemocratic  |
| unadorned       | undependable  |
| unadulterated   | undeserved    |
| unafraid        | undesirable   |
| unaided         | undeveloped   |
| unaltered       | undigested    |
| unambiguous     | undiminished  |
| unannounced     | undisciplined |
| unanswered      | undisclosed   |
| unashamed       | undiscovered  |
| unasked         | undisguised   |
| unassailable    | undisputed    |
| unassisted      | undisturbed   |
| unattainable    | undivided     |
| unattractive    | uneducated    |
| unauthorized    | unemotional   |
| unavailable     | unending      |
| unavoidable     | unenlightened |
| unbearable      | unenviable    |
| unbeaten        | unethical     |
| unbiased        | uneventful    |
| unbleached      | unexpired     |
| unblemished     | unexplained   |
| unbound         | unexplored    |
| unbreakable     | unexpressed   |
| unbroken        | unexpurgated  |
| unbuckle        | unfair        |
| unbutton        | unfashionable |
| uncap           | unfasten      |
| unceasing       | unfavorable   |
| uncensored      | unfit         |
| unchallenged    | unflattering  |
| unchanged       | unfocused     |
| unchanging      | unforeseen    |
| unchecked       | unforgivable  |
| uncivilized     | unforgotten   |
| unclassified    | unfulfilled   |
| unclean         | unfurnished   |
| unclear         | ungrammatical |
| uncomplaining   | ungrateful    |
| uncompleted     | unhampered    |
| unconcealed     | unhandy       |
| unconfirmed     | unharmful     |
| unconnected     | unhealthful   |
| uncontaminated  | unheeded      |
| uncontrollable  | unhesitating  |
| uncontrolled    | unhitch       |
| uncontroversial | unhook        |
| unconventional  | unhurried     |
| unconvinced     | unhurt        |



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 unimaginable  
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 uninteresting  
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 unpardonable  
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 unplanned  
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 untrained  
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 untroubled  
 untrue  
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 unvarying  
 unverified  
 unwanted  
 unwarranted  
 unwavering  
 unwed  
 unworkable  
 unyielding  
 unzip  
 un·ac·count·a·ble (un'ə kount'ə bəl)  
*adj.* 1 that cannot be explained;  
 strange 2 not responsible  
 un·ac·cus·tomed *adj.* 1 not accus-  
 tomed (*to*) 2 not usual; strange  
 un·ad·vised' *adj.* 1 without counsel or  
 advice 2 indiscreet; rash  
 un·af·fect'ed *adj.* 1 not affected or

influenced 2 without affectation; sim-  
 ple; sincere

un·A·mer'i·can *adj.* regarded as not  
 properly American; esp., regarded as  
 opposed to the U.S., its institutions, etc.

u·nan·i·mous (yōō nan'ə mäs) *adj.* [*< L*  
*unus*, one + *animus*, the mind] agreeing  
 completely; without dissent —u·nan·im·  
 i·ty (yōō'nə nim'ə tē) *n.* —u·nan'i·mous·  
 ly *adv.*

un·ap·proach'a·ble *adj.* 1 not to be  
 approached; inaccessible; aloof 2 hav-  
 ing no equal; unmatched

un·armed' *adj.* having no weapons

un·as·sum'ing *adj.* not forward; modest

un·at·tached' *adj.* 1 not attached 2  
 not engaged or married

un·at·tend'ed *adj.* 1 not waited on 2  
 not accompanied (*by*) 3 neglected

un·a·vail'ing (-ə vāl'in) *adj.* futile; use-  
 less

un·a·ware' *adj.* not aware or conscious  
 —*adv.* UNAWARES

un·a·wares' *adv.* 1 unintentionally 2  
 unexpectedly

un·backed' *adj.* not backed, supported,  
 etc.

un·bal'anced *adj.* 1 not in balance 2  
*a)* mentally deranged *b)* erratic or  
 unstable

un·bar' *vt.* -barred', -bar'ring to remove  
 the bar or bars from; open

un·be·com'ing *adj.* not appropriate or  
 suited to one's appearance, character,  
 etc.; unattractive, indecorous, etc.

un·be·known (un'bē nōn') *adj.* without  
 one's knowledge; unknown: usually  
 with *to*: also un·be·knownst' (-nōnst')

un·be·lief' *n.* lack of belief, esp. in reli-  
 gion

un·be·liev'a·ble *adj.* beyond belief;  
 astounding; incredible

un·be·liev'er *n.* 1 one who does not  
 believe 2 one who does not accept any,  
 or any particular, religious belief

un·bend' *vt., vi.* -bent' or -bend'ed,  
 -bend'ing 1 to relax, as from formality  
 2 to straighten

un·bend'ing *adj.* 1 rigid; stiff 2 firm;  
 resolute 3 aloof; austere

un·bid'den *adj.* 1 not commanded 2  
 not invited

un·blush'ing *adj.* 1 not blushing 2  
 shameless —un·blush'ing·ly *adv.*

un·bolt' *vt., vi.* to withdraw the bolt or  
 bolts of (a door, etc.); open

un·born' *adj.* 1 not born 2 still in the  
 mother's uterus 3 yet to be

un·bos'om (-booz'am) *vt., vi.* to tell or  
 reveal (feelings, secrets, etc.) —  
 unbosom oneself to reveal one's feel-  
 ings, secrets, etc.

un·bound'ed *adj.* 1 without bounds or  
 limits 2 not restrained

un·bowed' (-boud') *adj.* not yielding or  
 giving in

un·bri'dled *adj.* 1 having no bridle on:  
 said of a horse, etc. 2 uncontrolled

un·bur'den *vt.* 1 to free from a burden  
 2 to relieve (oneself, one's mind, etc.) by  
 disclosing (guilt, etc.)

un·but'oned *adj.* 1 with buttons  
 unfastened 2 free and easy; casual



**un-called'-for' adj.** 1 not needed 2 unnecessary and out of place

**un-can·ny** (un kan'ē) **adj.** 1 mysterious and eerie; weird 2 so good, acute, etc. as to seem preternatural —**un-can'ni-ly adv.**

**un-cared'-for' adj.** not cared for or looked after; neglected

**un'cer-e-mo'ni-ous adj.** 1 not ceremonious; informal 2 curt; abrupt

**un-cer'tain adj.** 1 *a*) not surely or certainly known *b*) not sure or certain in knowledge; doubtful 2 vague 3 not dependable or reliable 4 varying —**un-cer'tain-ty, pl. -ties, n.**

**un-char'i-ta-ble adj.** harsh or severe, as in opinion —**un-char'i-ta-bly adv.**

**un-chart'ed adj.** not marked on a chart or map; unexplored or unknown

**un-chris'tian adj.** 1 not Christian 2 [Inf.] outrageous; dreadful

**un-ci-al** (un'shē əl, -shəl) **adj.** [L *uncialis*, inch-high] designating or of the large, rounded letters of Greek and Latin manuscripts between A.D. 300 and 900 —**n.** uncial script or an uncial letter

**un-cir'cum-cised' adj.** 1 not circumcised; specif., not Jewish; gentile 2 [Archaic] heathen

**un-clasp' vt.** 1 to unfasten the clasp of 2 to release from a clasp or grasp

**un-cle** (un'kəl) **n.** [L *avunculus*] 1 the brother of one's father or mother 2 the husband of one's aunt

**Uncle Sam** [L < abbrev. *U.S.*] [Inf.] the U.S. (government or people), personified as a tall man with whiskers, dressed in red, white, and blue

**Uncle Tom** [after main character in novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1852)] [Inf.] a black person regarded as servile toward whites: a term of contempt

**un-cloak' vt.** to reveal; expose

**un-clothe' vt.** -clothed' or -clad', -cloth'ing to undress, uncover, etc.

**un-coil' vt., vi.** to unwind

**un-com'fort-a-ble adj.** 1 feeling discomfort 2 causing discomfort 3 ill at ease —**un-com'fort-a-bly adv.**

**un'com-mit'ted adj.** 1 not committed or pledged 2 not taking a stand

**un-com'mon adj.** 1 rare; not common or usual 2 strange; remarkable

**un'com-mu'ni-ca'tive adj.** not communicative; reserved; taciturn

**un-com'pro-mis'ing adj.** not yielding; firm; inflexible

**un'con-cern' n.** 1 apathy; indifference 2 lack of concern, or worry

**un'con-cerned' adj.** 1 indifferent 2 not solicitous or anxious —**un'con-cern'ed-ly adv.**

**un'con-di'tion-al adj.** without conditions or reservations; absolute

**un-con·scion-a-ble** (un kən'shən ə bəl) **adj.** 1 not guided or restrained by conscience 2 unreasonable or excessive 3 not fair or just —**un-con'scion-a-bly adv.**

**un-con'scious adj.** 1 deprived of consciousness 2 not aware (of) 3 not doing or done on purpose [an unconscious

habit] —**the unconscious** *Psychoanalysis* the sum of all thoughts, impulses, etc. of which the individual is not conscious but which influence the emotions and behavior —**un-con'scious-ly adv.**

**un'con-sti-tu'tion-al adj.** not in accordance with a constitution, specif. the U.S. constitution

**un-cool' adj.** [Slang] 1 unsophisticated 2 unfashionable, unacceptable; etc.

**un-cork' vt.** to pull the cork out of

**un-count'ed adj.** 1 not counted 2 inconceivably numerous

**un-cou'ple vt.** -pled, -pling to unfasten (things coupled together)

**un-couth** (un kōōth') **adj.** [OE < *un-*, not + *cunnan*, know] 1 awkward; ungainly 2 not cultured; crude

**un-cov'er vt.** 1 to disclose 2 to remove the cover from 3 to remove the hat, etc. from (the head) —**vi.** to bare the head, as in respect

**unc-tion** (un'k'shən) **n.** [L *ungere*, anoint] 1 *a*) the act of anointing, as for medical or religious purposes *b*) the oil, ointment, etc. used for this 2 anything that soothes or comforts

**unc-tu-ous** (un'k'chō əs) **adj.** [see prec.] 1 oily or greasy 2 characterized by a smooth but insincere show of deep or earnest feeling

**un-cut' adj.** not cut; specif., *a*) not ground to shape (said of a gem) *b*) not abridged or shortened

**un-daunt'ed adj.** not daunted; not hesitating because of fear or discouragement

**un'de-ceive' vt.** -ceived', -ceiv'ing to cause to be no longer deceived or misled

**un'de-cid'ed adj.** 1 not decided 2 not having come to a decision

**un'de-mon'stra-tive adj.** not demonstrative; not showing feelings openly; reserved

**un'de-ni'a-ble adj.** that cannot be denied; indisputable —**un'de-ni'a-bly adv.**

**un-der** (un'dər) **prep.** [OE] 1 in, at, or to a position down from; below 2 beneath the surface of 3 below and to the other side of [drive *under* the bridge] 4 covered by [a vest *under* his coat] 5 *a*) lower in rank, position, amount, etc. than *b*) lower than the required degree of [*under* age] 6 subject to the control, limitations, etc. of [*under* oath] 7 undergoing [*under* repair] 8 with the disguise of [*under* an alias] 9 in (the designated category) 10 during the rule of [*under* Elizabeth I] 11 being the subject of [*under* discussion] 12 because of [*under* the circumstances] 13 authorized by —**adv.** 1 in or to a lower position or state 2 so as to be covered, concealed, etc. —**adj.** lower in position, authority, amount, etc.

**under-** **prefix** 1 in, on, to, or from a lower place; beneath [*undertow*] 2 in a subordinate position [*undersecretary*] 3 too little; insufficiently [*underdeveloped*]

**un-der-a-chieve** (un'dər ə chēv') **vi.**



**-chieved'**, **-chiev'ing** to fail to do as well in school as might be expected from intelligence tests — **un'der-a-chiev'er** *n.*

**un'der-act'** *vt., vi.* to act (a theatrical role) with insufficient emphasis or too great restraint

**un'der-age'** *adj.* below the age required by law

**un'der-arm'** *adj.* 1 of, for, in, or used on the area under the arm, or the armpit 2 UNDERHAND (sense 1) — **adv.** UNDERHAND

**un'der-belly** *n.* 1 the lower, posterior part of an animal's belly 2 any vulnerable area, point, etc.

**un'der-bid'** *vt., vi.* **-bid'**, **-bid'ding** 1 to bid lower than (another person) 2 to bid less than the worth of (a thing, as one's hand in bridge)

**un'der-brush'** *n.* small trees, shrubs, etc. growing in woods or forests

**un'der-car'riage** *n.* a supporting frame, as of an automobile

**un'der-charge'** *vt., vi.* **-charged'**, **-charg'ing** 1 to charge too low a price (to) 2 to provide with too small or low a charge

**un'der-class'** *n.* the socioeconomic class with incomes below subsistence level, including esp. the underprivileged

**un'der-class'man** (**-mən**) *n., pl.* **-men** (**-mən**) a freshman or sophomore in high school or college

**un'der-clothes'** *pl.n.* UNDERWEAR: also **un'der-cloth'ing** *sing.n.*

**un'der-coat'** *n.* 1 a tarlike coating applied to the underside of a motor vehicle to retard rust, etc. 2 a coat of paint, etc. applied before the final coat Also **un'der-coat'ing** — **vt.** to apply an undercoat to

**un'der-cov'er** *adj.* acting or carried out in secret

**un'der-cur'rent** *n.* 1 a current flowing beneath the surface 2 an underlying tendency, opinion, etc.

**un'der-cut'** *vt.* **-cut'**, **-cut'ting** 1 to make a cut below or under 2 to undersell or work for lower wages than 3 to weaken or undermine

**un'der-de-vel'oped** *adj.* inadequately developed, esp. economically and industrially

**un'der-dog'** *n.* 1 a person or team that is losing or expected to lose 2 a person at a disadvantage because of injustice, prejudice, etc.

**un'der-done'** *adj.* not cooked enough

**un'der-em-ployed'** *adj.* 1 working less than full time 2 working at low-skilled, poorly paid jobs when capable of doing more highly skilled work

**un'der-es'ti-mate'** *vt.* **-mat'ed**, **-mat'ing** to set too low an estimate on or for — **un'der-es'ti-ma'tion** *n.*

**un'der-ex-pose'** *vt.* **-posed'**, **-pos'ing** to expose (photographic film, etc.) to inadequate light or for too short a time

**un'der-foot'** *adv., adj.* 1 under the foot or feet 2 in the way

**un'der-gar'ment** *n.* a piece of underwear

**un'der-go'** *vt.* **-went'**, **-gone'**, **-go'ing** to experience; go through

**un'der-grad'u-ate** *n.* a college student who has not yet earned a degree

**un'der-ground'** *adj.* 1 under the earth's surface 2 secret; hidden 3 of newspapers, movies, etc. that are unconventional, radical, etc. — **adv.** 1 under the earth's surface 2 in or into secrecy — *n.* 1 the region under the earth's surface 2 a secret movement in a country to oppose the government or enemy occupation forces 3 [Brit.] a subway

**un'der-growth'** *n.* UNDERBRUSH

**un'der-hand'** *adj.* 1 done with the hand below the level of the elbow or shoulder 2 UNDERHANDED — **adv.** with an underhand motion

**un'der-hand'ed** *adj.* sly, deceitful, etc. — **un'der-hand'ed-ly** *adv.*

**un'der-lie'** *vt.* **-lay'**, **-lain'**, **-ly'ing** 1 to lie beneath 2 to be the basis for; form the foundation of

**un'der-line'** *vt.* **-lined'**, **-lin'ing** 1 to draw a line beneath 2 to stress

**un'der-ling** (**un'dər lɪŋ**) *n.* [OE: see UNDER- & -LING] a person in a subordinate position; inferior: usually a contemptuous term

**un'der-ly'ing** *adj.* 1 lying under 2 fundamental; basic

**un'der-mine'** *vt.* **-mined'**, **-min'ing** 1 to dig beneath, so as to form a tunnel or mine 2 to wear away and weaken the supports of 3 to injure or weaken, esp. by subtle or insidious means

**un'der-most'** *adj., adv.* lowest in place, position, rank, etc.

**un'der-neath** (**un'dər nēth'**) *adv., prep.* [ < OE *under*, UNDER + *neothan*, below ] under; below

**un'der-nour'ished** *adj.* not getting the food needed for health and growth

**un'der-pants'** *pl.n.* an undergarment, long or short, for the lower part of the body

**un'der-pass'** *n.* a passage under something; esp., a passageway under a railway

**un'der-per-form'** *vi.* to be less successful than expected or needed — **vt.** to produce a smaller return than: said of stocks, etc.

**un'der-pin'ning** (**-pin'ɪŋ**) *n.* 1 a support or prop 2 [*pl.*] [*Inf.*] the legs

**un'der-play'** *vt., vi.* 1 UNDERACT 2 to make seem less important

**un'der-priv'i-legged** *adj.* deprived of a decent standard of living and economic security through poverty, discrimination, etc.

**un'der-pro-duce'** *vt., vi.* **-duced'**, **-duc'ing** to produce less than is needed or wanted

**un'der-rate'** *vt.* **-rat'ed**, **-rat'ing** to rate or estimate too low

**un'der-score'** *vt.* **-scored'**, **-scor'ing** UNDERLINE

**un'der-sea'** *adj., adv.* beneath the surface of the sea: also **un'der-seas'** *adv.*

**un'der-sec're-tar'y** *n., pl.* **-ies** an assistant secretary



**un'der-sell'** *vt.* -sold', -sell'ing 1 to sell at a lower price than 2 to publicize or promote in a restrained or inadequate manner

**un'der-shirt'** *n.* a collarless undergarment worn under an outer shirt

**un'der-shorts'** *pl.n.* short underpants worn by men and boys

**un'der-shot'** *adj.* 1 with the lower part extending past the upper [an *undershot* jaw] 2 driven by water flowing along the lower part [an *undershot* water wheel]

**un'der-side'** *n.* the side or surface that is underneath

**un'der-signed'** *adj.* whose name is signed at the end —the undersigned the person or persons having signed at the end

**un'der-skirt'** *n.* a skirt worn under another

**un'der-staffed'** *adj.* having fewer workers on the staff than are needed

**un'der-stand'** *vt.* -stood', -stand'ing [*<* OE *understandan*, lit., to stand among] 1 to perceive the meaning of 2 to assume from what is heard, etc.; infer 3 to take as meant; interpret 4 to take as a fact 5 to know the nature, character, etc. of 6 to have a sympathetic rapport with —*vi.* 1 to have understanding, comprehension, etc. 2 to be informed; believe —**un'der-stand'a-ble** *adj.* —**un'der-stand'a-bly** *adv.*

**un'der-stand'ing** *n.* 1 comprehension 2 the power to think and learn; intelligence 3 a specific interpretation 4 mutual agreement, esp. one that settles differences —*adj.* that understands; sympathetic

**un'der-state'** *vt.* -stat'ed, -stat'ing 1 to state too weakly 2 to state in a restrained style —**un'der-state'ment** *n.*

**un'der-stud'y** *n., pl.* -ies an actor prepared to substitute for another —*vt., vi.* -ied, -y-ing to learn (a part) as an understudy (to)

**un'der-take'** *vt.* -took', -tak'en, -tak'ing 1 to take upon oneself (a task, etc.) 2 to promise; guarantee

**un'der-tak'er** *n.* FUNERAL DIRECTOR: a somewhat old-fashioned usage

**un'der-tak'ing** *n.* 1 something undertaken; task; enterprise 2 a promise; guarantee

**un'der-the-count'er** *adj.* [Inf.] done secretly in an unlawful way: also **un'der-the-ta'ble**

**un'der-things'** *pl.n.* women's or girls' underwear

**un'der-tone'** *n.* 1 a low tone of voice 2 a subdued color 3 an underlying quality, factor, etc.

**un'der-tow'** *n.* a current of water moving beneath the surface water and in a different direction

**un'der-wa'ter** *adj.* being, done, etc. beneath the surface of the water

**un'der-way'** *adj.* 1 moving; making progress 2 *Naut.* not anchored or moored or aground

**un'der-wear'** *n.* clothing worn under one's outer clothes, usually next to the skin, as undershirts

**un-der-weight** (un'dər wāt', un'dər wāt') *adj.* below the normal, desirable, or allowed weight

**un'der-world'** *n.* 1 the mythical world of the dead; Hades 2 criminals regarded as a group

**un'der-write'** *vt.* -wrote', -writ'ten, -writ'ing 1 to agree to market (an issue of securities), guaranteeing to buy any part remaining unsubscribed 2 to agree to pay the cost of or cover the losses of (an undertaking, etc.) 3 to sign one's name to (an insurance policy), thus assuming liability —**un'der-writ'er** *n.*

**un-dies** (un'dēz') *pl.n.* [Inf.] women's or girls' underwear

**un-do'** *vt.* -did', -done', -do'ing 1 to untie, open, etc. 2 to do away with; cancel 3 to bring to ruin

**un-doc'u-ment'ed** *adj.* not having a proper visa for U.S. residence [an *undocumented* alien]

**un-do'ing** *n.* 1 an annulling 2 a bringing to ruin 3 the cause of ruin

**un-done'** *adj.* 1 not done; not performed, accomplished, etc. 2 ruined 3 emotionally upset

**un-doubt'ed** *adj.* not doubted or disputed; certain —**un-doubt'ed-ly** *adv.*

**un-dreamed'** *adj.* not even dreamed (of) or imagined: also **un-dreamt'** (-dremt')

**un-dress'** *vt.* to take off the clothing of —*vi.* to take off one's clothes

**un-due'** *adj.* 1 not appropriate; improper 2 excessive; immoderate

**un-du-lant** (un'jə lənt, -dyə-) *adj.* undulating

**un'du-late'** (-lāt') *vi., vt.* [*<* L *unda*, a wave] 1 to move or cause to move in waves 2 to have or cause to have a wavy form or surface —**un'du-la'tion** *n.*

**un-du'ly** *adv.* 1 improperly 2 excessively

**un-dy'ing** *adj.* immortal or eternal

**un-earned'** *adj.* not earned by work or service; specif., obtained as a return on an investment [*unearned* income]

**un-earth'** *vt.* 1 to dig up from the earth 2 to bring to light; disclose

**un-earth'ly** *adj.* 1 supernatural 2 weird; mysterious 3 [Inf.] fantastic, outlandish, etc.

**un-eas'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 having, showing, or allowing no ease of body or mind; uncomfortable 2 awkward; constrained 3 anxious; apprehensive —**un-eas'i-ly** *adv.* —**un-eas'i-ness** *n.*

**un'em-ploy'a-ble** *adj.* not employable, specif. because of severe physical or mental handicaps, outmoded skills, etc.

**un'em-ployed'** *adj.* 1 not employed; without work 2 not being used —**un'em-ploy'ment** *n.*

**un-e'qual** *adj.* 1 not equal, as in size, strength, ability, or value 2 not balanced, even, regular, etc. 3 not adequate (to)

**un-e'qualed** or **un-e'qualled** *adj.* not equaled; unmatched; unrivaled

**un'e-quiv'o-cal** *adj.* not equivocal; plain; clear



**un·err·ing** (un ər'ɪŋ, -er'-) *adj.* 1 free from error 2 not missing or failing; sure; exact

**UNESCO** (yoo nes'kō) *n.* United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

**un·e·ven** *adj.* 1 not even, level, smooth, regular, etc. 2 unequal 3 *Math.* odd — **un·e·ven·ly** *adv.*

**un·ex·am·pled** *adj.* having no parallel or precedent; unprecedented

**un·ex·cep'tion·a·ble** *adj.* not exceptionable; without fault; beyond criticism

**un·ex·cep'tion·al** *adj.* ordinary

**un·ex·pect'ed** *adj.* not expected; unforeseen — **un·ex·pect'ed·ly** *adv.*

**un·fail'ing** *adj.* 1 not failing 2 never ceasing or falling short; inexhaustible 3 always reliable

**un·faith'ful** *adj.* 1 lacking or breaking faith or loyalty 2 not true, accurate, etc. 3 adulterous — **un·faith'ful·ness** *n.*

**un·fa·mil'iar** *adj.* 1 not well-known; strange 2 not acquainted (*with*) — **un·fa·mil'i·ar'i·ty** *n.*

**un·feel'ing** *adj.* 1 incapable of feeling; insensible 2 hardhearted; cruel — **un·feel'ing·ly** *adv.*

**un·feigned** (un fānd') *adj.* genuine

**un·fin'ished** *adj.* 1 not finished; incomplete 2 not painted, varnished, etc.

**un·flap'pa·ble** (-flap'ə bəl) *adj.* [**<** UN- + FLAP, *n.* 3 + -ABLE] [*Inf.*] not easily excited; imperturbable

**un·flinch'ing** *adj.* steadfast; firm

**un·fold' vt.** 1 to open and spread out (something folded) 2 to lay open to view; reveal, explain, etc. — **vi.** 1 to become unfolded 2 to develop fully

**un·for·get'ta·ble** *adj.* so important, beautiful, shocking, etc. as never to be forgotten

**un·for·giv'ing** *adj.* not willing or not able to forgive

**un·for'tu·nate** *adj.* 1 having or bringing bad luck; unlucky 2 not suitable or successful — *n.* an unfortunate person — **un·for'tu·nate·ly** *adv.*

**un·found'ed** *adj.* not founded on fact or truth

**un·friend'ly** *adj.* -li·er, -li·est 1 not friendly or kind 2 not favorable — **un·friend'li·ness** *n.*

**un·frock' vt.** to deprive of the rank of priest or minister

**un·furl' vt., vi.** to open or spread out from a furled state

**un·gain·ly** (un gān'lē) *adj.* [**<** ME *un-*, not + ON *gegn*, ready] awkward; clumsy

**un·god'ly** *adj.* 1 not godly or religious 2 [*Inf.*] outrageous — **un·god'li·ness** *n.*

**un·gov'ern·a·ble** *adj.* that cannot be governed or controlled; unruly

**un·gra'cious** *adj.* 1 not gracious; rude 2 unpleasant; unattractive

**un·guard'ed** *adj.* 1 unprotected 2 without guile or cunning 3 careless; imprudent

**un·guent** (un'gwənt) *n.* [**<** L *unguere*,

anoint] a salve or ointment

**un·gu·late** (un'gyoo lit, -lāt') *adj.* [**<** L *unguis*, a nail] having hoofs — *n.* a mammal having hoofs

**un·hand' vt.** to release from the hand or hands; let go of

**un·hap'py** *adj.* -pi·er, -pi·est 1 unfortunate 2 sad; wretched 3 not suitable —

**un·hap'pi·ly** *adv.* — **un·hap'pi·ness** *n.*

**un·health'y** *adj.* -i·er, -i·est 1 sickly; not well 2 harmful to health 3 harmful to morals 4 dangerous or risky — **un·health'i·ness** *n.*

**un·heard' adj.** 1 not perceived by the ear 2 not given a hearing

**un·heard'-of' adj.** 1 not heard of before; unprecedented or unknown 2 unacceptable or outrageous

**un·hinge' vt.** -hinged', -hing'ing 1 to remove from the hinges 2 to unbalance (the mind) of (someone)

**un·ho'ly** *adj.* -li·er, -li·est 1 not sacred, hallowed, etc. 2 wicked; profane 3 [*Inf.*] outrageous

**un·horse' vt.** -horsed', -hors'ing to throw (a rider) from a horse

**uni-** [**<** L *unus*, one] *prefix* one; having only one

**u·ni·bod·y** (yoo'nə bād'ē) *adj.* designating automobile construction in which roof, floor, panels, etc. are welded together into a single unit

**u·ni·cam'er·al** (-kam'ər əl) *adj.* [**<** UNI- + L *camera*, chamber] of or having a single legislative chamber

**UNICEF** (yoo'nə sef') *n.* United Nations Children's Fund: formerly, *United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund*



UNICORN

**u·ni·corn** (yoo'nə kôrn') *n.* [**<** L *unus*, one + *cornu*, horn] a mythical horselike animal with a single horn growing from its forehead

**u·ni·cy·cle** (yoo'nə sī'kəl) *n.* [UNI- + (BI)CYCLE] a one-wheeled vehicle straddled by the rider who pushes its pedals — **u·ni·cy·clist** *n.*

**u·ni·form** (yoo'nə fôrm') *adj.* [**<** L *unus*, one + -*formis*, -FORM] 1 not varying in form, rate, degree, etc. 2 like others of the same class — *n.* the distinctive clothes of a particular group, as of soldiers — **vt.** to supply with a uniform — **u·ni·form'i·ty** *n.* — **u·ni·form'ly** *adv.*

**u·ni·fy** (yoo'nə fī') *vt., vi.* -fied', -fy'ing [see UNI- & -FY] to become or make united — **u·ni·fi·ca'tion** *n.*

**u·ni·lat·er·al** (yoo'nə lat'ər əl) *adj.* 1 of, occurring on, or affecting one side only 2 involving only one of several parties;



not reciprocal

**un·im·peach·a·ble** (un'im pēch'ə bəl) *adj.* that cannot be doubted or discredited; irreproachable

**un'in·hib'it·ed** *adj.* without inhibition; esp., free of the usual social or psychological restraints on one's behavior

**un'in'ter·est·ed** *adj.* not interested; indifferent

**un·ion** (yōon'yən) *n.* [*< L unus, one*] 1 a uniting or being united; combination 2 a grouping together of nations, etc. for some specific purpose 3 marriage 4 something united 5 *short for* LABOR UNION 6 a design symbolizing political union, used as in a flag 7 a device for joining parts, as of a machine —**the Union** 1 the United States 2 the North in the Civil War

**un'ion·ize'** (-īz') *vt., vi.* -ized', -iz'ing to organize into a labor union —**un'ion·i·za'tion** *n.*

**union jack** 1 a flag, esp. a national flag, consisting only of a UNION (sense 6) 2 [U- J-] the flag of the United Kingdom

**Union of Soviet Socialist Republics** former country in E Europe & N Asia: formed as a union of 15 constituent republics, it was disbanded in 1991

**u·nique** (yōō nēk') *adj.* [*< L unus, one*] 1 one and only; sole 2 without like or equal 3 very unusual: a usage still objected to by some

**u·ni·sex** (yōō'nə seks') *adj.* of or involving a fashion, as in haircuts, that is not differentiated for the sexes

**u·ni·son** (yōō'nə sən, -zən) *n.* [*< L unus, one + sonus, a sound*] 1 a musical interval consisting of two identical pitches 2 agreement —**in unison** with all the voices or instruments performing the same part

**u·nit** (yōō'nit) *n.* [*< UNITY*] 1 the smallest whole number; one 2 a standard basic quantity, measure, etc. 3 a single person or group, esp. as a part of a whole 4 a distinct part or object with a specific purpose

**U·ni·tar·i·an** (yōō'nə ter'ē ən) *n.* a member of a religious denomination accepting the moral teachings of Jesus, but holding that God is a single being

**u·ni·tar·y** (yōō'nə ter'ē) *adj.* 1 of a unit or units 2 of or based on unity

**u·nite** (yōō nīt') *vt., vi.* -nit'ed, -nit'ing [*< L unus, one*] 1 to put or join together so as to make one; combine 2 to bring or come together in common cause, action, etc.

**United Arab E·mir·ates** (em'ər əts) country in E Arabia, on the Persian Gulf: 32,300 sq. mi.; pop. 1,622,000

**United Arab Republic** former name for Egypt (1961-71)

**United Kingdom** country in W Europe, consisting of Great Britain & Northern Ireland: 93,636 sq. mi.; pop. 55,734,000

**United Nations** an international organization of nations for world peace and security: formed in 1945 and having, in 2001, a membership of 189

**United States of America** country including 49 states in North America, and Hawaii: 3,787,318 sq. mi.; pop.

248,710,000; cap. Washington, DC: also called **United States**

**u·nit·ize** (yōō'nə tīz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to make into a single unit

**unit pricing** a system of showing prices, as of foods, in terms of standard units

**u·ni·ty** (yōō'nə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*< L unus, one*] 1 a being united; oneness 2 a single, separate thing 3 harmony; agreement 4 a complex that is a union of related parts 5 a harmonious, unified arrangement of parts in an artistic work 6 continuity of purpose, action, etc. 7 *Math.* any quantity, etc. identified as a unit, or 1

**univ** *abbrev.* university

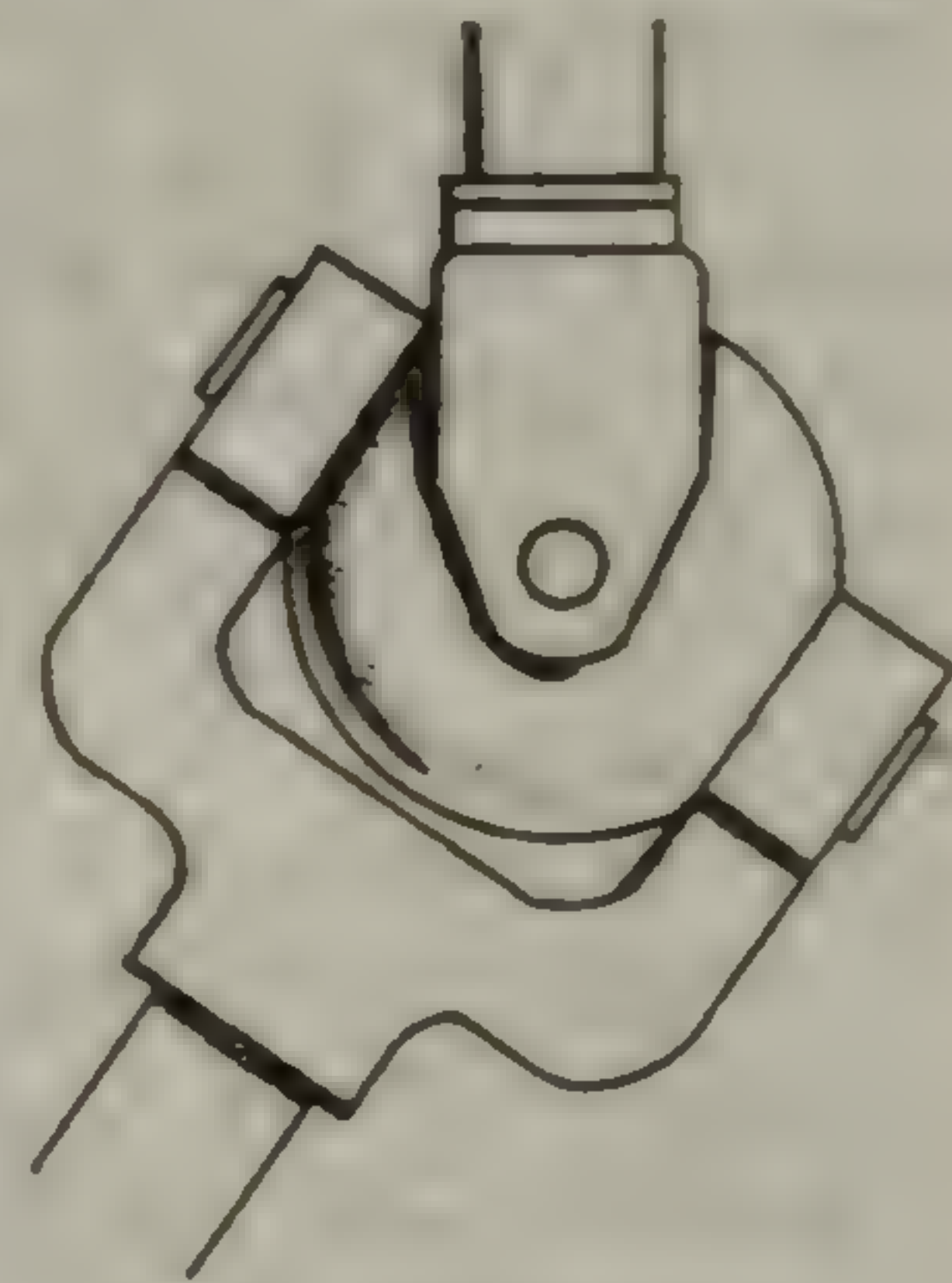
**u·ni·va·lent** (yōō'nə vā'lənt) *adj.* *Chem.* 1 having one valence 2 having a valence of one

**u·ni·valve** (yōō'nə valv') *n.* a mollusk with a one-piece shell, as a snail

**u·ni·ver·sal** (yōō'nə vār'səl) *adj.* 1 of the universe; present everywhere 2 of, for, or including all or the whole 3 used, or intended to be used, for all kinds, sizes, etc. or by all people —**u'ni·ver·sal'i·ty** (-vər sal'ə tē) *n.*

**u'ni·ver'sal·ize'** *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to make universal

**universal joint** (or **coupling**) a joint or coupling that permits a swing of limited angle in any direction, esp. one for transmitting rotary motion from one shaft to another not in line with it



UNIVERSAL JOINT

**u'ni·ver'sal·ly** *adv.* 1 in every instance 2 in every part or place

**Universal Product Code** a patterned series of vertical bars printed on consumer products: it can be read by computerized scanners for pricing, etc.

**u·ni·verse** (yōō'nə vārs') *n.* [*< L unus, one + vertere, to turn*] 1 the totality of all things that exist 2 the world

**u·ni·ver·si·ty** (yōō'nə vār'sə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [see prec.] 1 an educational institution offering bachelor's and advanced degrees 2 the grounds, buildings, etc. of a university

**un·just** (un just') *adj.* not just or right; unfair —**un·just'ly** *adv.*

**un·kempt'** (-kempt') *adj.* [UN- + *kempt < dial. kemben, to comb*] 1 tangled, disheveled, etc. 2 not tidy; slovenly

**un·kind'** *adj.* not kind; specif., a) not considerate of others b) harsh, severe, cruel, etc. —**un·kind'ness** *n.*

**un·kind'ly** *adj.* UNKIND —*adv.* in an unkind way

**un·known'** *adj.* not known; specif., a) unfamiliar (to) b) not identified, etc. —*n.* an unknown person or thing

**un·law'ful** *adj.* 1 against the law; illegal 2 immoral —**un·law'ful·ly** *adv.* —**un·law'ful·ness** *n.*



**un-lead'ed** *adj.* not containing lead compounds: said of gasoline

**un-learn' vt., vi.** to forget or try to forget (something learned)

**un-learn'ed** (-lur'nid; *for* 2, -lurnd') *adj.*  
1 not having much learning; uneducated 2 not learned or memorized [*unlearned* lessons]

**un-leash' vt.** to release from or as from a leash

**un-less** (un les') *conj.* [*< ME on lesse that, at less than*] except if; except that

**un-let'tered** *adj.* 1 ignorant; uneducated 2 illiterate

**un-like' adj.** not alike; different —*prep.*  
1 not like; different from 2 not characteristic of

**un-like'ly** *adj.* 1 not likely; improbable 2 not likely to succeed —**un-like'li-hood'** *n.*

**un-lim'ber** *vt., vi.* to get ready for use or action

**un-lim'it-ed** *adj.* 1 without limits or restrictions 2 vast; immeasurable

**un-load' vt., vi.** 1 *a)* to remove (a load) *b)* to take a load from 2 *a)* to tell (one's troubles, etc.) without restraint *b)* to relieve of something that troubles 3 to remove the charge from (a gun) 4 to get rid of

**un-lock' vt.** 1 *a)* to open (a lock) *b)* to open the lock of (a door, etc.) 2 to let loose; release 3 to reveal

**un-looked'-for'** *adj.* not expected

**un-loose' vt.** -loosed', -loos'ing to set loose; loosen, release, etc.: also **un-loos'en**

**un-luck'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est having or bringing bad luck; unfortunate

**un-make' vt.** -made', -mak'ing 1 to cause to be as before; undo 2 to ruin; destroy 3 to depose from a position or rank

**un-man' vt.** -manned', -man'ning to deprive of manly courage, nerve, etc.

**un-man'ly** *adj.* -li-er, -li-est not manly; specif., *a)* cowardly, weak, etc. *b)* effeminate; womanish

**un-manned' adj.** without people aboard and operating by remote control

**un-mask' vi., vt.** 1 to remove a mask or disguise (from) 2 to disclose the true nature or character (of)

**un-mean'ing** *adj.* lacking in meaning or sense

**un-men'tion-a-ble** *adj.* not fit to be mentioned

**un-mer'ci-ful** *adj.* having or showing no mercy; cruel; pitiless

**un'mis-tak'a-ble** *adj.* that cannot be mistaken or misinterpreted; clear — **un'mis-tak'a-bly** *adv.*

**un-mit'i-gat-ed** *adj.* 1 not lessened or eased 2 out-and-out; absolute

**un-mor'al** *adj.* AMORAL

**un-nat'u-ral** *adj.* 1 contrary to nature; abnormal 2 artificial 3 very cruel — **un-nat'u-ral-ly** *adv.*

**un-nec'es-sar'y** *adj.* not necessary; needless — **un-nec'es-sar'i-ly** *adv.*

**un-nerve' vt.** -nerved', -nerv'ing to

cause to lose one's self-confidence, courage, etc.

**un-num'bered** *adj.* 1 not counted 2 innumerable 3 having no identifying number

**un-or'gan-ized' adj.** not organized; specif., not belonging to a labor union

**un-pack' vt., vi.** 1 to remove (the contents of a trunk, suitcase, etc.) 2 to take things out of (a trunk, etc.)

**un-par'al-leled' adj.** that has no parallel, equal, or counterpart

**un-pleas'ant** *adj.* offensive; disagreeable — **un-pleas'ant-ly** *adv.* — **un-pleas'ant-ness** *n.*

**un-plumbed' adj.** not fully understood

**un-pop'u-lar** *adj.* not liked by the public or by the majority — **un'pop-u-lar'i-ty** (-lar'a tē) *n.*

**un-prac'ticed** *adj.* 1 not habitually or repeatedly done, etc. 2 not skilled or experienced

**un-prec'e-dent-ed** *adj.* having no precedent or parallel; unheard-of

**un-prin'ci-pled** *adj.* lacking moral principles; unscrupulous

**un-print'a-ble** *adj.* not fit to be printed, as because of obscenity

**un'pro-fes'sion-al** *adj.* not professional; esp., violating the ethical code of a given profession

**un-qual'i-fied' adj.** 1 lacking the necessary qualifications 2 not limited; absolute

**un-ques'tion-a-ble** *adj.* not to be questioned, doubted, or disputed; certain — **un-ques'tion-a-bly** *adv.*

**un'quote' interj.** I end the quotation

**un-rav'el** *vt.* -eled or -elled, -el-ing or -el-ling 1 to separate the threads of (something woven, tangled, etc.) 2 to make clear; solve — *vi.* to become unraveled

**un-read' (-red')** *adj.* 1 not read, as a book 2 having read little or nothing

**un-re'al** *adj.* not real or actual; imaginary, fanciful, false, etc.

**un-rea'son-a-ble** *adj.* 1 not reasonable or rational 2 excessive; immoderate — **un-rea'son-a-bly** *adv.*

**un-rea'son-ing** *adj.* not reasoning or reasoned; irrational

**un're-con-struct-ed** *adj.* holding to an earlier, outmoded practice or point of view

**un're-gen'er-ate** *adj.* stubbornly defiant

**un're-lent'ing** *adj.* 1 inflexible; relentless 2 without mercy; cruel 3 not relaxing in effort, speed, etc.

**un're-mit'ting** *adj.* not stopping, relaxing, etc.; incessant; persistent

**un're-quit'ed** *adj.* not reciprocated

**un're-served' adj.** not reserved; specif., *a)* frank or open in speech *b)* not restricted; unlimited — **un're-serv'ed-ly** *adv.*

**un-rest' n.** restlessness; specif., angry discontent verging on revolt

**un-ripe' adj.** not ripe or mature; green

**un-ri'valed** or **un-ri'valled** *adj.* having no rival, equal, or competitor

**un-roll' vt.** 1 to open (something rolled



up) 2 to display —*vi.* to become unrolled

**un-ruf'led** *adj.* not ruffled or disturbed; calm; smooth; serene

**un-rul-y** (un rōō'lē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est hard to control, restrain, or keep in order — **un-rul'i-ness** *n.*

**un-sad'dle** *vt.* -dled, -dling to take the saddle off (a horse, etc.)

**un-said'** *adj.* not expressed

**un-sa'vor-y** *adj.* 1 unpleasant to taste or smell 2 morally offensive

**un-scathed'** (-skāthd') *adj.* [*< un- + ON skathi, harm*] unharmed

**un-schooled'** *adj.* not educated or trained, esp. by formal schooling

**un-scram'ble** *vt.* -bled, -bling to cause to be no longer scrambled, mixed up, or unintelligible

**un-screw'** *vt.* to detach or loosen by removing screws, or by turning

**un-script'ed** *adj.* without or not in a prepared script

**un-scrupu-lous** *adj.* not restrained by ideas of right and wrong; unprincipled

**un-seal'** *vt.* 1 to break the seal of 2 to open

**un-sea'son-a-ble** *adj.* 1 not usual for the season 2 at the wrong time

**un-seat'** *vt.* 1 to dislodge from a seat 2 to remove from office

**un-seem'ly** *adj.* not seemly; not decent or proper; unbecoming

**un-set'tle** *vt., vi.* -tled, -tling to make or become unstable; disturb or displace

**un-set'tled** *adj.* 1 not settled; not fixed, orderly, stable, calm, decided, etc. 2 not paid 3 having no settlers

**un-sheathe'** (-shēth') *vt.* -sheathed', -sheath'ing to remove (a sword, etc.) from a sheath

**un-sight'ly** *adj.* not sightly or pleasant to look at; ugly — **un-sight'li-ness** *n.*

**un-skilled'** *adj.* having or requiring no special skill or training

**un-skill'ful** *adj.* having little or no skill; awkward

**un-snap'** *vt.* -snapped', -snap'ping to undo the snaps of, so as to loosen or detach

**un-snarl'** *vt.* to untangle

**un'so-phis'ti-cat'ed** *adj.* not sophisticated; simple, ingenuous, etc.

**un-sound'** *adj.* not sound; specif., *a*) not healthy, safe, firm, etc. *b*) not reliable, sensible, etc.

**un-spar'ing** *adj.* 1 not sparing; lavish 2 not merciful; severe

**un-speak'a-ble** *adj.* 1 that cannot be spoken 2 so bad, foul, evil, etc. as to defy description or be unfit for discussion [*unspeakable depravity*] — **un-speak'a-bly** *adv.*

**un-sta'ble** *adj.* not stable; specif., *a*) easily upset *b*) changeable *c*) unreliable *d*) emotionally or psychologically unsettled *e*) *Chem.* tending to decompose

**un-stead'y** *adj.* not steady; specif., *a*) not firm; shaky *b*) changeable; inconstant *c*) erratic in habits, purpose, etc.

**un-stop'** *vt.* -stopped', -stop'ping 1 to remove the stopper from 2 to clear (a

pipe, etc.) of an obstruction

**un-struc'tured** *adj.* not formally organized; loose, free, open, etc.

**un-strung'** *adj.* 1 nervous or upset 2 with the strings loosened or detached, as a bow or racket

**un-stuck'** *adj.* loosened or freed from being stuck

**un-stud'ied** *adj.* not gotten by study or conscious effort; spontaneous; natural

**un'sub-stan'tial** *adj.* 1 having no material substance 2 not solid; flimsy 3 unreal; visionary

**un-sung'** *adj.* not honored or celebrated, as in song or poetry

**un-tan'gle** *vt.* -gled, -gling 1 to free from a snarl or tangle 2 to free from confusion; put in order

**un-taught'** *adj.* 1 not taught; uneducated 2 acquired without being taught

**un-think'a-ble** *adj.* 1 that cannot be imagined; inconceivable 2 so foul, etc. as to be unfit to be considered [*unthinkable war crimes*]

**un-think'ing** *adj.* 1 thoughtless; heedless 2 unable to think

**un-ti'dy** *adj.* -di-er, -di-est not neat; messy

**un-tie'** *vt.* -tied', -ty'ing or -tie'ing 1 to unfasten (a thing tied or knotted) 2 to free, as from restraint

**un-til** (un til') *prep.* [*ME untill*] 1 up to the time of [*until death*] 2 before [*not until tomorrow*] — *conj.* 1 up to the time when or that [*until you leave*] 2 to the point, degree, etc. that [*cook until it is done*] 3 before [*not until I die*]

**un-time'ly** *adj., adv.* 1 before the proper time; premature(ly) 2 at the wrong time — **un-time'li-ness** *n.*

**un-to** (un'tōō, -too) *prep.* [*ME*] *old poet. var. of:* 1 TO 2 UNTIL

**un-told'** *adj.* 1 not told or revealed 2 too many to be counted 3 indescribably great [*untold misery*]

**un-touch'a-ble** *adj.* that cannot or should not be touched — *n.* in India, a member of the lowest castes (now called *Scheduled castes*)

**un-to-ward** (un tō'ərd, -tōrd') *adj.* 1 improper, unseemly, etc. 2 not favorable; adverse

**un-trav'eled** or **un-trav'elled** *adj.* 1 not used or frequented by travelers 2 not having done much traveling

**un-truth'** *n.* 1 falsity 2 a falsehood; lie — **un-truth'ful** *adj.*

**un-tu'tored** *adj.* uneducated

**un-twist'** *vt., vi.* to loosen or separate, as something twisted together; unwind

**un-used'** *adj.* 1 not in use 2 never used before 3 unaccustomed (*to*)

**un-u'su-al** *adj.* not usual or common; rare — **un-u'su-al-ly** *adv.*

**un-ut'ter-a-ble** *adj.* inexpressible

**un-var'nished** *adj.* 1 not varnished 2 plain; simple; unadorned

**un-veil'** *vt.* to reveal as by removing a veil from — *vi.* to take off one's veil

**un-voiced'** *adj.* not expressed; not spoken



**un-war'y** *adj.* not wary or cautious

**un-wea'ried** (-wir'ēd) *adj.* [ME *unweried* (see UN- & WEARY)] never wearying; tireless; indefatigable

**un-well'** *adj.* not well; sick

**un-whole'some** *adj.* 1 harmful to body or mind 2 of unsound health or unhealthy appearance 3 morally harmful —**un-whole'some-ness** *n.*

**un-wield'y** *adj.* hard to wield, manage, etc., as because of large size

**un-will'ing** *adj.* 1 not willing; reluctant 2 done, said, etc. reluctantly —**un-will'ing-ly** *adv.*

**un-wind'** (-wind') *vt.* -wound', -wind'ing 1 to wind off or undo (something wound) 2 to untangle (something involved) —*vi.* 1 to become unwound 2 to become relaxed

**un-wise'** *adj.* having or showing a lack of wisdom or sound judgment

**un-wit'ing** *adj.* 1 not knowing; unaware 2 unintentional

**un-wont'ed** *adj.* not common, usual, or habitual

**un-wor'thy** *adj.* -thi-er, -thi-est 1 lacking merit or value; worthless 2 not deserving (of) 3 not fit or becoming: usually with *of* —**un-wor'thi-ness** *n.*

**un-wrap'** *vt.* -wrapped', -wrap'ping to take off the wrapping of

**un-writ'ten** *adj.* 1 not in writing 2 operating only through custom or tradition [*an unwritten rule*]

**up**<sup>1</sup> (up) *adv.* [OE] 1 to, in, or on a higher place or level 2 to a later period 3 to or into a higher condition, amount, etc. 4 *a)* in or into a standing or upright position *b)* out of bed 5 in or into action, view, consideration, etc. 6 aside; away [*lay up wealth*] 7 so as to be even with in time, degree, etc. 8 completely; thoroughly [*eat up the cake*] 9 *Baseball* to one's turn at batting. 10 used with verbs: *a)* to form idioms with meanings different from the simple verb [*look up this word*] *b)* as an intensive [*dress up*] —*prep.* up to, toward, along, through, into, or upon —*adj.* 1 directed toward a higher position 2 in a higher place or position 3 advanced in amount, degree, etc. [*rents are up*] 4 in a standing or upright position 5 in an active or excited state 6 at an end; over [*time's up*] 7 available for use, as a computer 8 [Inf.] going on [*what's up*] 9 *Baseball* at bat —*n.* 1 an upward slope 2 an upward movement, etc. —*vi.* *upped*; *up'ping* [Inf.] to get up; rise —*vt.* [Inf.] 1 to put up, lift up, etc. 2 to cause to rise [*to up prices*] —*on the up and up* [Slang] honest —*up against* [Inf.] confronted with —*up on* (or *in*) [Inf.] well-informed concerning —*ups and downs* good periods and bad periods —*up to* 1 doing or scheming 2 capable of (doing, etc.) 3 as many as 4 as far as 5 dependent upon —*up with!* give or restore power, favor, etc. to!

**up**<sup>2</sup> (up) *adv.* [phonetic respelling of *ap(iece)*] *apiece* [*a score of ten up*]

**up-** combining form up

**up'-and-com'ing** *adj.* 1 enterprising,

promising, etc. 2 gaining in prominence

**up'beat'** *n.* *Music* an unaccented beat, esp. when on the last note of a bar —*adj.* [Inf.] cheerful; optimistic

**up-braid** (up brād') *vt.* [ < OE *up-*, up + *bregdan*, to pull] to rebuke severely; censure; scold

**up'bring'ing** *n.* the training and education received while growing up

**UPC** *abbrev.* Universal Product Code

**up'chuck'** *vi.*, *vt.*, *n.* [Slang] VOMIT

**up'com'ing** *adj.* coming soon

**up'coun'try** *adj.*, *adv.* in or toward the interior of a country

**up-date** (up dāt'; also, and for *n.* always, up'dāt') *vt.* -dat'ed, -dat'ing to make up-to-date; make conform to the most recent facts, methods, etc. —*n.* 1 an updating 2 an updated report, etc.

**up-end'** *vt.*, *vi.* 1 to set, turn, or stand on end 2 to topple

**up'front'** [Inf.] *adj.* 1 forthright 2 in advance [*upfront money*] —*adv.* in advance Also *up'-front'*

**up-grade** (up'grād'; also, and for *v.* usually, up grād') *n.* 1 an upward slope 2 an improvement —*adj.*, *adv.* uphill; upward —*vt.*, *vi.* -grad'ed, -grad'ing to raise or improve in value, grade, rank, quality, etc.

**up-heav-al** (up hē'vəl) *n.* 1 a heaving up 2 a sudden, violent change

**up'hill'** *adv.* 1 toward the top of a hill; upward 2 with difficulty —*adj.* 1 going or sloping up 2 laborious; tiring

**up-hold'** *vt.* -held', -hold'ing 1 to hold up 2 to keep from falling; support 3 to confirm; sustain

**up-hol-ster** (up hōl'stər) *vt.* [ult. < ME *upholder*, tradesman] to fit out (furniture, etc.) with coverings, padding, springs, etc. —**up-hol'ster-er** *n.*

**up-hol'ster-y** *n.*, *pl.* -ies 1 the material used in upholstering 2 the work of an upholsterer

**up'keep'** *n.* 1 maintenance 2 state of repair 3 the cost of maintenance

**up'land** (-lānd, -land') *n.* land elevated above other land —*adj.* of or situated in upland

**up-lift** (up lift'; also, and for *n.* always, up'lift') *vt.* 1 to lift up 2 to raise to a higher moral, social, or cultural level —*n.* 1 a lifting up 2 a movement for moral, social, or cultural betterment

**up'load'** *vt.*, *vi.* to transfer (information) as from a personal computer to a main computer

**up'-mark'et** *adj.* UPSCALE

**up-on** (ə pän', ə pôn') *prep.* on, or up and on: used interchangeably with *on* —*adv.* on

**up-per** (up'ər) *adj.* 1 higher in place 2 higher in rank, etc. 3 farther north —*n.* 1 the part of a shoe above the sole 2 [Slang] any drug that is a stimulant —*on one's uppers* [Inf.] in need

**up-per-case** (up'ər kās') *n.* capital-letter type used in printing, as distinguished from small letters —*adj.* of or in upper-case

**upper class** the rich or aristocratic social class —**up'per-class'** *adj.*



**up'per-class'man** (-mən) *n.*, *pl.* -men (-mən) a junior or senior in high school or college

**up'per-cut** *n.* *Boxing* a short, swinging blow directed upward

**upper hand** the position of advantage or control

**up'per-most** *adj.* highest in place, authority, etc. —*adv.* in the highest place, rank, etc.

**Upper Vol-ta** (väl'tə) *former name for BURKINA FASO*

**up-pi-ty** (up'ə tē) *adj.* [Inf.] haughty, arrogant, snobbish, etc.

**up-raise** *vt.* -raised', -rais'ing to raise up; lift

**up-rear** *vt.* to lift up —*vi.* to rise up

**up-right** (up'rīt'; *for adj. and adv., also up rīt')* *adj.* 1 standing, pointing, etc. straight up; erect 2 honest and just —*adv.* in an upright position or direction —*n.* something in an upright position

**upright piano** a piano with a vertical, rectangular body

**up'ris'ing** *n.* a revolt

**up'riv'er** *adv., adj.* in the direction against the current of a river

**up-roar** (up'rôr') *n.* [Du *oproer*, a stirring up] 1 violent disturbance; tumult 2 loud, confused noise

**up-roar-i-ous** (up rôr'ē əs) *adj.* 1 making an uproar 2 boisterous 3 causing loud laughter

**up-root** *vt.* 1 to tear up by the roots 2 to destroy or remove utterly

**UPS** *service mark for United Parcel Service*

**up'scale** *adj.* of or for people who are affluent, stylish, etc.

**up-set** (up set'; *for n., up'set')* *vt.* -set', -set'ting 1 *a)* to tip over; overturn *b)* to defeat unexpectedly 2 *a)* to disturb the functioning of [to upset a schedule] *b)* to disturb emotionally or physically —*vi.* to become overturned or upset —*n.* 1 an upsetting 2 an unexpected victory or defeat 3 a disturbance —*adj.* 1 tipped over 2 overthrown or defeated 3 disturbed or disordered

**up'shot** *n.* [orig., final shot in an archery match] the conclusion; result

**up'side**<sup>1</sup> *prep.* [Chiefly Dial.] on or against the side of [struck upside the head]

**up'side**<sup>2</sup> *n.* 1 the upper side or part 2 appreciation or gain, as on an investment

**upside down** 1 with the top side or part underneath or turned over; inverted 2 in disorder —**up'side-down** *adj.*

**up-si-lon** (ōp'sə län', up'-) *n.* the twentieth letter of the Greek alphabet (Υ, υ)

**up-stage** (up'stāj'; *for v., up stāj')* *adv., adj.* toward or at the rear of a stage —*vt.* -staged', -stag'ing to draw attention away from another, as by moving upstage

**up'stairs** *adv.* 1 up the stairs 2 on or to an upper floor or higher level 3 [Inf.] in the mind —*adj.* on an upper floor —*n.* an upper floor

**up'stand'ing** *adj.* 1 erect 2 upright in

character; honorable

**up'start** *n.* one who has recently come into wealth, power, etc., esp. one who is presumptuous, aggressive, etc. —*adj.* of or like an upstart

**up'state** *adj., adv.* in, to, or from the northerly part of a U.S. state

**up'stream** *adv., adj.* in the direction against the current of a stream

**up'surge** *n.* a surge upward

**up'swing** *n.* a swing, trend, or movement upward

**up'take** *n.* a taking up —**quick** (or slow) on the uptake [Inf.] quick (or slow) to comprehend

**up'tight** *adj.* [Slang] very tense, nervous, etc.: also **up-tight**

**up'-to-date** *adj.* 1 extending to the present time 2 keeping up with what is most recent

**up'town** *adj., adv.* in or toward the residential part of a city —*n.* the uptown section of a city

**up-turn** (-tərn'; *for n., up'tərn')* *vt., vi.* to turn up or over —*n.* an upward turn or trend —**up'turned** *adj.*

**up'ward** *adv., adj.* toward a higher place, position, etc.: also **up'wards** *adv.* —**upwards** (or upward) of more than —**up'ward-ly** *adv.*

**upward mobility** movement to a higher social and economic status

**up'wind** *adv., adj.* in the direction from which the wind is blowing or usually blows

**Ur** (oor, ʌr) ancient city on the Euphrates River

**u-ra-cil** (yoor'ə sil') *n.* a colorless, crystalline base that is a constituent of RNA

**U-ral Mountains** (yoor'al) mountain system in Russia, regarded as the boundary between Europe & Asia: also **Urals**

**u-ra-ni-um** (yoo rā'nē əm) *n.* [after fol.] a very hard, heavy, silver-colored, radioactive, metallic chemical element: used in work on atomic energy

**U-ra-nus** (yoor'ə nəs, yoo rā'nəs) *n.* [ < Gr *Ouranos*, heaven] the planet seventh in distance from the sun: see **PLANET**

**ur-ban** (ər'bən) *adj.* [ < L *urbs*, city] 1 of, in, or constituting a city 2 characteristic of cities

**ur-bane** (ər bān') *adj.* [see prec.] polite in a smooth, polished way; refined —**ur-ban'i-ty** (-ban'ə tē) *n.*

**ur-ban-ize** (ər'bə nīz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to change from rural to urban —**ur-ban-i-za'tion** *n.*

**urban legend** (or myth) a widely circulating secondhand report of a purportedly true incident

**urban renewal** rehabilitation of deteriorated urban areas, as by slum clearance and housing construction

**urban sprawl** the spread of urban congestion into surrounding areas

**ur-chin** (ər'chin) *n.* [ < L *ericius*, hedgehog] a small child; esp., a mischievous boy



**-ure** (ər) [Fr < L *-ura*] *suffix* 1 act, process, or result [*exposure*] 2 agent of 3 state of being \_\_\_\_ed [*composure*] 4 office, rank, or collective body [*legislature*]

**u·re·a** (yoo rē'ə) *n.* [< Gr *ouron*, urine] a soluble, crystalline solid found in urine or made synthetically

**u·re·mi·a** (yoo rē'mē ə) *n.* [< Gr *ouron*, urine + *haima*, blood] a toxic condition caused by the presence in the blood of waste products normally eliminated in the urine —**u·re'mic** *adj.*

**u·re·ter** (yoo rēt'ər) *n.* [< Gr *ourein*, urinate] a tube carrying urine from a kidney to the bladder

**u·re·thane** (yoor'ə thān') *n.* [< Fr] a white, crystalline compound used as a hypnotic and sedative, a solvent, etc.

**u·re·thra** (yoo rē'thrə) *n.*, *pl.* -thrae (-thrē') or -thras [< Gr *ouron*, urine] the duct through which urine is discharged from the bladder: in males, also the duct for semen

**urge** (ərj) *vt.* urged, urg'ing [L *urgere*, press hard] 1 *a*) to press upon the attention; advocate *b*) to plead with; ask earnestly 2 to incite; provoke 3 to drive or force onward —*n.* 1 an urging 2 an impulse

**ur·gent** (ər'jənt) *adj.* [see prec.] 1 calling for haste, immediate action, etc. 2 insistent —**ur'gen·cy**, *pl.* -cies, *n.* —**ur'gent·ly** *adv.*

**-ur·gy** (ər'jē) [< Gr *ergon*, work] *combining form* a working with or by means of (something specified) [*chemurgy*]

**u·ric** (yoor'ik) *adj.* of, in, or from urine

**u·ri·nal** (yoor'ə nəl) *n.* 1 a receptacle or fixture for urinating 2 a place for urinating

**u·ri·nal·y·sis** (yoor'ə nal'ə sis) *n.*, *pl.* -ses' (-sēz') chemical or microscopic analysis of urine

**u·ri·nar·y** (yoor'ə ner'ē) *adj.* 1 of urine 2 of the organs that secrete and discharge urine

**u·ri·nate** (yoor'ə nāt') *vi.* -nat'ed, -nat'ing to discharge urine from the body —**u'ri·na'tion** *n.*

**u·rine** (yoor'in) *n.* [< L *urina*] the yellowish liquid, containing waste products, secreted by the kidneys and discharged through the urethra

**URL** *n.* [u(niform) r(esource) l(ocator)] an address on the World Wide Web

**urn** (ərn) *n.* [< L *urna*] 1 *a*) a vase with a pedestal *b*) such a vase used to hold ashes after cremation 2 a metal container with a faucet, for making or serving hot coffee, tea, etc.

**u·ro·gen·i·tal** (yoor'ō jen'i təl) *adj.* of the urinary and genital organs

**u·rol·o·gy** (yoo rāl'ə jē) *n.* [< Gr *ouron*, urine + -LOGY] the branch of medicine dealing with the urinary and genital

organs and their diseases —**u·rol'o·gist** *n.*

**Ur·sa Major** (ər'sə) [L, lit., Great Bear] a prominent N constellation

**Ursa Minor** [L, lit., Little Bear] a N constellation, containing Polaris

**ur·sine** (ər'sin', -sin) *adj.* [< L *ursus*, a bear] of or like a bear

**ur·ti·car·i·a** (ər'ti ker'ē ə) *n.* [< L *urtica*, a nettle] HIVES

**U·ru·guay** (yoor'ə gwā', oor'-; -gwī') country in SE South America: 68,037 sq. mi.; pop. 2,940,000 —**Uru·guay'an** *adj.*, *n.*

**us** (us) *pron.* [OE] *objective form* of WE **US** or **U.S.** United States

**USA** *abbrev.* 1 United States of America: also **U.S.A.** 2 United States Army

**us·a·ble** or **use·a·ble** (yōō'zə bəl) *adj.* that can be used; fit for use —**us'a·bil'i·ty** (-bil'ə tē) or **use'a·bil'i·ty** *n.*

**USAF** *abbrev.* United States Air Force

**us·age** (yōō'sij) *n.* 1 the act, way, or extent of using; treatment 2 established practice; custom; habit 3 the way in which a word, phrase, etc. is used to express a particular idea

**USCG** *abbrev.* United States Coast Guard

**USDA** *abbrev.* United States Department of Agriculture

**use** (yōōz; *for n.*, yōōs) *vt.* used, us'ing [< L *uti*] 1 to put into action or service 2 to exercise [*use your judgment*] 3 to deal with; treat [*to use a friend badly*] 4 to consume, expend: often with *up* 5 to consume habitually [*to use drugs*] 6 to exploit (someone) —*n.* 1 a using or being used 2 the ability to use 3 the right to use 4 the need or opportunity to use 5 a way of using 6 usefulness 7 the purpose for which something is used 8 function —**used to** (yōōs'tə, -tōō) 1 did at one time [*I used to live here*] 2 accustomed to

**used** (yōōzd) *vt. pt. & pp. of USE* —*adj.* not new; secondhand

**use·ful** (yōōs'fəl) *adj.* that can be used; serviceable; helpful —**use'ful·ly** *adv.* —**use'ful·ness** *n.*

**use'less** (-lis) *adj.* 1 having no use 2 to no purpose —**use'less·ly** *adv.* —**use'less·ness** *n.*

**us·er** (yōō'zər) *n.* one that uses something; specif., one who uses drugs habitually, a computer, etc.

**us'er·friend'ly** *adj.* easy to use or understand: said esp. of computer hardware, programs, etc.

**ush·er** (ush'ər) *n.* [< L *ostiarius*, doorkeeper] 1 one who shows people to their seats in a theater, church, etc. 2 a bridegroom's attendant —*vt.* 1 to escort (others) to seats, etc. 2 to be a forerunner of: often with *in*

**USMC** *abbrev.* United States Marine Corps

**USN** *abbrev.* United States Navy

**USO** *abbrev.* United Service Organizations

**USP** *abbrev.* United States Pharmacopoeia

**USPS** *abbrev.* United States Postal Serv-



URN



**USS** *abbrev.* United States Ship

**USSR** or **U.S.S.R.** Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

**u-su-al** (yōō'zhə wəl) *adj.* [see **USE**] such as is most often seen, used, etc.; common; customary —**u'su-al-ly** *adv.*

**u-surp** (yōō surp', -zərp') *vt., vi.* [< *L* *usus*, a use + *rapere*, to seize] to take (power, a position, etc.) by force —**u-sur-pa-tion** (yōō'zər pā'shən, -sər-) *n.* —**u-surp'er** *n.*

**u-su-ry** (yōō'zhə rē) *n., pl. -ries* [see **USE**] 1 the lending of money at an excessive rate of interest 2 an excessive interest rate —**u'su-rer** *n.* —**u-su-ri-ous** (yōō zhōor'ē əs) *adj.*

**U-tah** (yōō'tō', -tā') Mountain State of the W U.S.: 82,168 sq. mi.; pop. 1,723,000; cap. Salt Lake City: *abbrev.* **UT** —**U'tah'an** or (local usage) **U-tahn** (yōō'tōn', -tān') *adj., n.*

**u-ten-sil** (yōō ten'səl) *n.* [< *L* *uti*, to use] an implement or container, esp. one for use in a kitchen

**u-ter-us** (yōōt'ə rəs) *n., pl. -ter-i' (-ī')* [L] a hollow organ of female mammals in which the embryo and fetus are developed; womb —**u'ter-ine** (-rin, -rīn') *adj.*

**u-til-i-tar-i-an** (yōō til'ə ter'ē ən) *adj.* 1 of or having to do with utility 2 stressing usefulness over beauty or other considerations

**u-til'i-tar'i-an-ism'** *n.* 1 the doctrine that worth or value is determined solely by utility 2 the doctrine that the purpose of all action should be to bring about the greatest happiness of the greatest number

**u-til-i-ty** (yōō til'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [< *L* *uti*, to use] 1 usefulness 2 something useful, as the service to the public of gas, water, etc. 3 a company providing such a service

**utility room** a room containing laundry appliances, heating equipment, etc.

**u-ti-lize** (yōōt'ī iz') *vt.* -lized', -liz'ing to put to profitable use; make use of —**u'ti-li-za'tion** *n.*

**ut-most** (ut'mōst') *adj.* [< OE superl. of *ut*, out] 1 farthest 2 of the greatest degree, amount, etc. —*n.* the most that is possible

**U-to-pi-a** (yōō tō'pē ə) *n.* [< Gr *ou*, not + *topos*, a place] 1 an imaginary island with a perfect political and social system, described in *Utopia* (1516) by Sir Thomas More, Eng. statesman 2 [often *u-*] a) any idealized place of perfection b) any visionary scheme for a perfect society —**U-to'pi-an** or **u-to'pi-an** *adj., n.*

**ut-ter**<sup>1</sup> (ut'ər) *adj.* [< OE compar. of *ut*, out] 1 complete; total 2 unqualified; absolute; unconditional —**ut'ter-ly** *adv.*

**ut-ter**<sup>2</sup> (ut'ər) *vt.* [< ME *utter*, outward] to speak or express audibly (sounds, words, etc.)

**ut'ter-ance** *n.* 1 an uttering 2 the power or style of speaking 3 that which is uttered

**ut'ter-most'** *adj., n.* **UTMOST**

**U'-turn'** *n.* 1 a turn by a car made so as to head in the opposite direction 2 a reversal of opinion, strategy, etc.

**UV** or **uv** *abbrev.* ultraviolet

**u-vu-la** (yōō'vyə lə) *n., pl. -las* or *-lae'* (-lē') [< *L* *uva*, grape] the small, fleshy part hanging down from the soft palate above the back of the tongue —**u'vu-lar** *adj.*

**ux-o-ri-ous** (uk sōr'ē əs, -zōr'-) *adj.* [< *L* < *uxor*, wife] dotingly fond of or submissive to one's wife

**Uz-bek-i-stan** (œz bek'i stan') country in central Asia: formerly a republic of the U.S.S.R.: 172,741 sq. mi.; pop. 19,810,000

**U-zi** (œō'zē) *trademark* for a small sub-machine gun

## V

**v**<sup>1</sup> or **V** (vē) *n., pl. v's, V's* the 22d letter of the English alphabet

**v**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 [L *vide*] see 2 velocity 3 verb 4 versus 5 volt(s) 6 volume

**V**<sup>1</sup> (vē) *n.* a Roman numeral for 5

**V**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 velocity 2 volt(s) 3 volume

**V**<sup>3</sup> *Chem. symbol* for vanadium

**VA** *abbrev.* 1 Veterans Administration 2 Virginia

**va-can-cy** (vā'kən sē) *n., pl. -cies* 1 a being vacant 2 empty or vacant space 3 an unoccupied position, office, quarters, etc.

**va-cant** (vā'kənt) *adj.* [< *L* *vacare*, be empty] 1 having nothing in it 2 not held, occupied, etc., as a seat or house 3 free from work; leisure [*vacant* time] 4 without thought, interest, etc.

**va'cate'** (-kāt') *vt.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing 1 to cause (an office, house, etc.) to be vacant 2 *Law* to make void; annul

**va-ca-tion** (vā kā'shən, və-) *n.* [< *L* *vacatio*] a period of rest from work, study, etc. —*vi.* to take one's vacation —**va-ca'tion-er** or **va-ca'tion-ist** *n.*

**vac-ci-nate** (vak'sə nāt') *vt., vi.* -nat'ed, -nat'ing to inoculate with a vaccine to prevent disease —**vac'ci-na'tion** *n.*

**vac-cine** (vak sēn') *n.* [< *L* *vacca*, cow: from use of cowpox virus in smallpox vaccine] any preparation introduced into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease

**vac-il-late** (vas'ə lāt') *vi.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [< *L* *vacillare*] 1 to sway to and fro; waver 2 to fluctuate 3 to show indecision —**vac'il-la'tion** *n.*

**va-cu-i-ty** (va kyōō'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [< *L* *vacuus*, empty] 1 emptiness 2 an empty space 3 emptiness of mind 4 something senseless or silly

**vac-u-ous** (vak'yōō əs) *adj.* [L *vacuus*] 1 empty 2 stupid; senseless —**vac'u-**



ous-ly *adv.*

**vac·uum** (vak'yōm) *n.*, *pl.* -ums or -u-a (-yō ə) [*L*] 1 space with nothing at all in it 2 a space from which most of the air or gas has been taken 3 any void — *adj.* 1 of or used to make a vacuum 2 having or working by a vacuum — *vt.*, *vi.* to clean with a vacuum cleaner

**vacuum cleaner** a machine for cleaning carpets, floors, etc. by suction

**vac'uum-packed'** *adj.* packed in an airtight container to maintain freshness

**vacuum tube** an electron tube from which most of the air has been evacuated, containing one or more grids, used as an amplifier, etc.

**vag·a·bond** (vag'ə bānd') *adj.* [*< L vagari*, wander] 1 wandering 2 living a drifting or irresponsible life; shiftless — *n.* 1 one who wanders from place to place 2 a wandering beggar 3 an idle or shiftless person — **vag'a·bond'age** *n.*

**va·gar·y** (vā'gə rē, və ger'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ies [*see prec.*] 1 an odd or eccentric action 2 a whimsical or freakish notion; caprice — **va·gar'i·ous** *adj.*

**va·gi·na** (və jī'nə) *n.*, *pl.* -nas or -nae (-nē) [*L*, sheath] in female mammals, the canal from the vulva to the uterus — **vag·i·nal** (vaj'ə nəl) *adj.*

**va·grant** (vā'grənt) *n.* [*prob. < OFr wal·crer*, wander] one who wanders from place to place supporting oneself by begging, etc. — *adj.* 1 nomadic 2 of or like a vagrant 3 wayward, erratic, etc. — **va'gran·cy**, *pl.* -cies, *n.*

**vague** (vāg) *adj.* **va'guer**, **va'guest** [*< L vagus*, wandering] 1 indefinite in shape or form 2 not sharp, certain, or precise in thought or expression — **vague'ly** *adv.* — **vague'ness** *n.*

**vain** (vān) *adj.* [*< L vanus*, empty] 1 having no real value; worthless [*vain* pomp] 2 without effect; futile [*a vain* endeavor] 3 having an excessively high regard for one's self, looks, etc.; conceited — **in vain** 1 fruitlessly 2 profanely

**vain'glo·ry** (-glōr'ē) *n.* [*< L vana gloria*, empty boasting] excessive vanity — **vain'glo·ri·ous** *adj.*

**val** *abbrev.* 1 valuation 2 value

**val·ance** (val'əns, vā'ləns) *n.* [*ME < ?*] a short curtain forming a border, esp. across the top of a window

**vale** (vāl) *n.* [*Old Poet.*] VALLEY

**val·e·dic·to·ri·an** (val'ə dik tōr'ē ən) *n.* the student, usually the one with the highest grades, who delivers the valedictory at graduation

**val'e·dic'to·ry** (-tər ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ries [*< L vale*, farewell + *dicere*, to say] a farewell speech, esp. at graduation

**va·lence** (vā'ləns) *n.* [*< L valere*, be strong] *Chem.* the combining capacity of an element or radical as measured by the number of hydrogen or chlorine atoms which one radical or atom of the element will combine with or replace: also **va'len·cy**, *pl.* -cies

**Va·len·ci·a** (və len'shē ə, -shə) seaport in E Spain: pop 763,000

**val·en·tine** (val'ən tīn') *n.* 1 a sweet-

heart chosen or greeted on Saint Valentine's Day 2 a greeting card or gift sent on this day

**val·et** (va lā'; *also, but now rarely* val'it) *n.* [*Fr*, a groom] 1 a personal manservant who takes care of a man's clothes, helps him dress, etc. 2 an employee, as of a hotel, who cleans or presses clothes, etc.

**val·e·tu·di·nar·i·an** (val'ə tō'də ner'ē ən) *n.* [*< L valetudo*, state of health, sickness] 1 a person in poor health 2 one who worries about one's health

**Val·hal·la** (val hal'ə, vāl hāl'ə) *n.* *Norse Myth.* the great hall where Odin feasts the souls of heroes slain in battle

**val·iant** (val'yənt) *adj.* [*< L valere*, be strong] brave; courageous — **val'iance** *n.* — **val'iant·ly** *adv.*

**val·id** (val'id) *adj.* [*< L valere*, be strong] 1 having legal force 2 based on evidence or sound reasoning — **val'id·ly** *adv.* — **val'id·ness** *n.*

**val·i·date** (val'ə dāt') *vt.* -dat'ed, -dat'ing 1 to make legally valid 2 to prove to be valid

**va·lid·i·ty** (və lid'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties the quality or fact of being valid

**va·lise** (və lēs') *n.* [*Fr < L valesium < ?*] [*Old-fashioned*] a piece of hand luggage

**Val·i·um** (val'ē əm) *trademark* for a tranquilizing drug

**Val·kyr·ie** (val kir'ē, val'ki rē) *n.* *Norse Myth.* any of the maidens of Odin who conduct the souls of heroes slain in battle to Valhalla

**val·ley** (val'ē) *n.*, *pl.* -leys [*< L vallis*] 1 low land lying between hills or mountains 2 the land drained by a river system 3 any valleylike dip

**Valley Forge** village in SE Pennsylvania: scene of Washington's winter encampment (1777-78)

**val·or** (val'ər) *n.* [*< L valere*, be strong] courage or bravery: *Brit. sp.* val'our — **val'or·ous** *adj.*

**Val·pa·rai·so** (val'pə rā'zō, -rī'sō) seaport in central Chile: pop. 277,000

**val·u·a·ble** (val'yə bəl, -yō ə bəl) *adj.* 1 having value, esp. great monetary value 2 highly important, esteemed, etc. — *n.* an article of value: *usually used in pl.*

**val·u·a·tion** (val'yō ā'shən) *n.* 1 the determining of the value of anything 2 determined or estimated value

**val·ue** (val'yō) *n.* [*< L valere* be worth] 1 the worth of a thing in money or goods 2 estimated worth 3 purchasing power 4 that quality of a thing which makes it more or less desirable, useful, etc. 5 a thing or quality having intrinsic worth 6 [*pl.*] beliefs or standards 7 relative duration, intensity, etc. — *vt.* **val'ued**, **val'u·ing** 1 to estimate the value of; appraise 2 to place a certain estimate of worth on [*to value* health above wealth] 3 to think highly of — **val'ue·less** *adj.*

**val'ue·add'ed tax** a tax based and paid on products, etc. at each stage of production or distribution, and included in the cost to the consumer

**val'ued** *adj.* highly thought of



**value judgment** an estimate made of the worth, goodness, etc. of a person, action, etc., esp. when such a judgment is not called for or desired

**valve** (valv) *n.* [*< L valva*, leaf of a folding door] 1 *Anat.* a membranous structure which permits body fluids to flow in one direction only, or opens and closes a tube, etc. 2 any device in a pipe, etc. that regulates the flow by means of a flap, lid, etc. 3 *Music* a device, as in the trumpet, that changes the tube length so as to change the pitch 4 *Zoology* one of the parts making up the shell of a mollusk, clam, etc.

**va-moose** (va mōōs') *vi., vt. -moosed', -moos'ing* [*< Sp vamos*, let us go] [Old Slang] to leave quickly

**vamp** (vamp) *n.* [*< OFr avant*, before + *pié*, foot] 1 the part of a boot or shoe covering the instep 2 *Music* a simple, improvised introduction or interlude — *vi. Music* to play a vamp

**vam-pire** (vam'pīr') *n.* [*< Slavic*] 1 in folklore, a reanimated corpse that sucks the blood of sleeping persons 2 one who preys ruthlessly on others

**vampire bat** a tropical American bat that lives on the blood of animals

**van**<sup>1</sup> (van) *n.* short for VANGUARD

**van**<sup>2</sup> (van) *n.* [*< CARAVAN*] a large, closed truck used as for moving, or a small one used for deliveries, fitted out as an RV, etc.

**va-na-di-um** (və nā'dē əm) *n.* [*< ON Vanadis*, goddess of love] a ductile, metallic chemical element used in steel alloys, etc.

**Van Al-len radiation belt** (van al'ən) [after J. Van Allen (1914- ), U.S. physicist] a broad belt of radiation encircling the earth at varying levels

**Van Bu-ren** (van byoor'ən), Mar-tin (mārt'n) 1782-1862; 8th president of the U.S. (1837-41)

**Van-cou-ver** (van kōō'vər) seaport in SW British Columbia, Canada: pop. 514,000

**Van-dal** (van'dəl) *n.* 1 a member of a Germanic people that sacked Rome (A.D. 455) 2 [v-] one who maliciously destroys property

**van-dal-ize** (van'də līz') *vt. -ized', -iz'ing* to destroy or damage (property) maliciously — **van'dal-ism'** *n.*

**Van-dyke** (beard) (van dik') a closely trimmed, pointed beard

**vane** (vān) *n.* [*< OE fana*, a flag] 1 a free-swinging piece of metal, etc. that shows which way the wind is blowing; weather vane 2 any of the flat pieces set around an axle and rotated about it by moving air, water, etc. or rotated to move the air or water

**van Gogh** (van gō', -gōkh'), Vin-cent (vin'sənt) 1853-90; Du. painter

**van-guard** (van'gārd') *n.* [*< OFr avant*, before + *garde*, guard] 1 the part of an army which goes ahead of the main body 2 the leading position or persons in a movement

**va-nil-la** (və nil'ə) *n.* [*< Sp vaina*, pod] 1 a climbing orchid with podlike capsules (**vanilla beans**) 2 a flavoring made from these capsules — *adj.* 1 of

or flavored with vanilla 2 [in allusion to the commonness of *vanilla* ice cream] [Inf.] bland, plain, or basic

**van-ish** (van'ish) *vi.* [see EVANESCENT] 1 to pass suddenly from sight; disappear 2 to cease to exist

**van-i-ty** (van'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*< L vanus*, vain] 1 anything that is vain or futile 2 worthlessness or futility 3 a being vain, or too proud of oneself 4 a small table with a mirror for use while putting on cosmetics, etc. 5 a bathroom cabinet containing a wash-bowl

**vanity case** a woman's small traveling case for carrying cosmetics, toilet articles, etc.

**van-quish** (van'kwish, van'-) *vt.* [*< L vincere*] to conquer or defeat

**van-tage** (van'tij) *n.* [see ADVANTAGE] 1 a favorable position 2 a position allowing a clear view, understanding, etc.: also **vantage point**

**Va-nua-tu** (van'wä tōō') country on a group of islands in the SW Pacific, west of Fiji: 4,706 sq. mi.; pop. 143,000

**vap-id** (vap'id) *adj.* [*L vapidus*] tasteless; dull — **va-pid-i-ty** (va pid'ə tē) or **vap'id-ness** *n.*

**va-por** (vā'pər) *n.* [L] 1 *a*) visible particles of moisture floating in the air, as fog or steam *b*) smoke, fumes, etc. 2 the gaseous form of any substance normally a liquid or solid Brit. sp. **va'pour** **va'por-ize'** (-pə rīz') *vt., vi. -ized', -iz'ing* to change into vapor — **va'por-i-za'tion** *n.* — **va'por-iz'er** *n.*

**va-por-ous** (vā'pər əs) *adj.* 1 forming or full of vapor; foggy; misty 2 like vapor

**vapor trail** CONTRAIL

**va-que-ro** (vā ker'ō) *n., pl. -ros* [Sp *< vaca*, cow] [Southwest] a man who herds cattle; cowboy

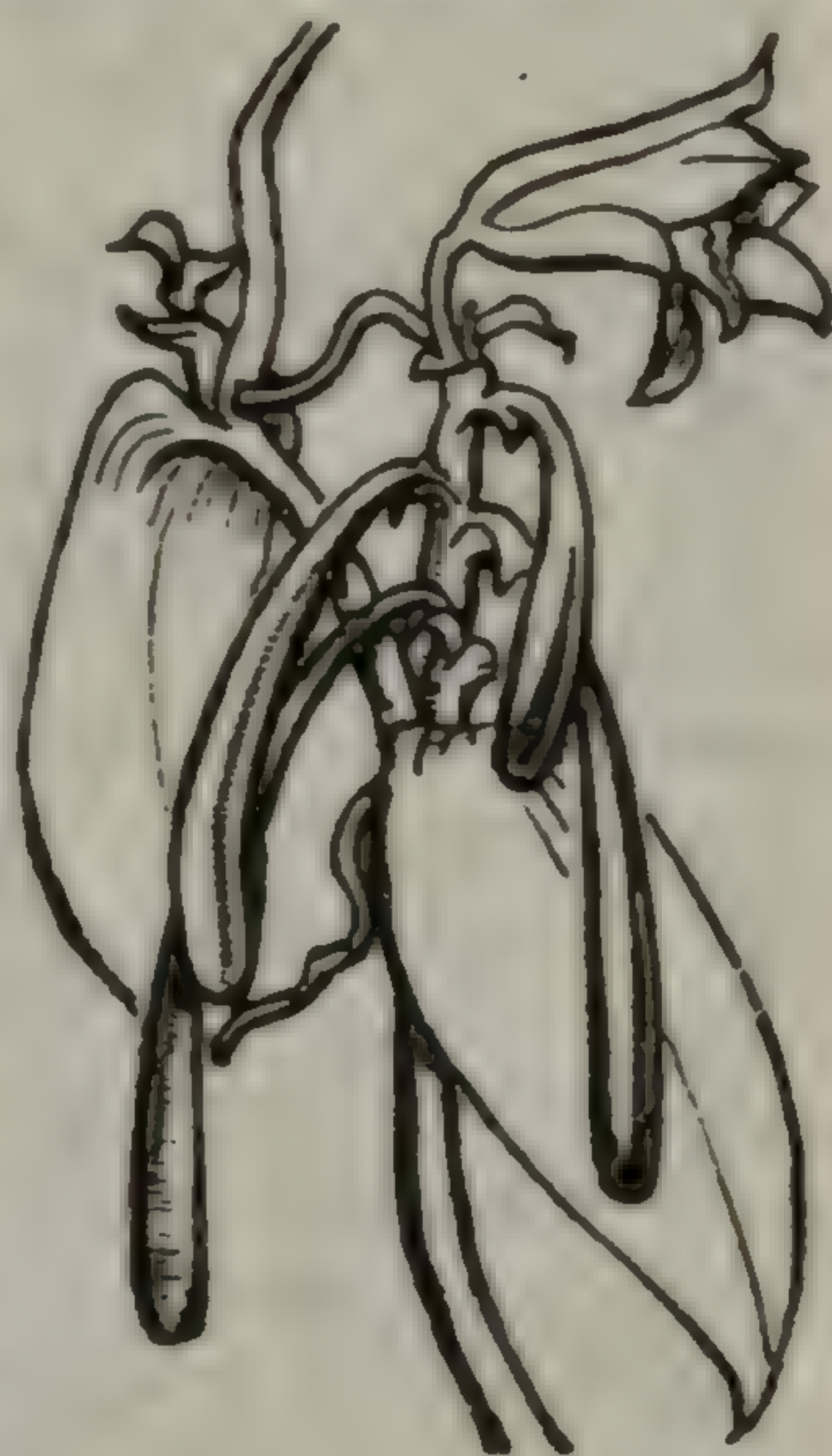
**var** *abbrev.* 1 variant(s) 2 various

**var-i-a-ble** (ver'ē ə bəl, var'-) *adj.* 1 apt to change or vary; changeable, inconstant, etc. 2 that can be changed or varied — *n.* anything changeable; a thing that varies — **var-i-a-bil'i-ty** *n.*

**var'i-ance** (-əns) *n.* 1 a varying or being variant 2 degree of change or difference; discrepancy 3 official permission to bypass regulations — **at variance** not in agreement or accord

**var'i-ant** (-ənt) *adj.* varying; different in some way from others of the same kind — *n.* anything variant, as a different spelling of the same word

**var'i-a'tion** (-ā'shən) *n.* 1 a varying; change in form, extent, etc. 2 the degree of such change 3 a thing some-



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WITH BEANS



what different from another of the same kind 4 *Music* the repetition of a theme with changes in rhythm, key, etc.

**var-i-col-ored** (ver'i kul'ərd, var'-) *adj.* of several or many colors

**var-i-cose** (var'ə kōs') *adj.* [*< L varix, enlarged vein*] abnormally and irregularly swollen [*varicose veins*]

**var-ied** (ver'ēd, var'-) *adj.* 1 of different kinds; various 2 changed; altered

**var-i-e-gat-ed** (ver'ē ə gāt'id, var'-) *adj.* [*< L varius, various*] 1 marked with different colors in spots, streaks, etc. 2 having variety; varied

**va-ri-e-tal** (və rī'ə təl) *adj.* 1 of or being a variety 2 designating a wine named after the kind of grape from which it is made —*n.* a varietal wine

**va-ri'e-ty** (-tē) *n., pl. -ties* 1 a being various or varied 2 a different form of some thing, condition, etc.; kind 3 a collection of different things

**variety store** a retail store selling many small, inexpensive items

**var-i-ous** (ver'ē əs, var'-) *adj.* [*L varius, diverse*] 1 differing one from another; of several kinds 2 several or many — **var'i-ous-ly** *adv.*

**var-let** (vār'lit) *n.* [*OFr, a page*] [Archaic] a scoundrel; knave

**var-mint** or **var-ment** (vār'mənt) *n.* [*var. of VERMIN*] [*Inf. or Dial.*] a person or animal regarded as objectionable

**var-nish** (vār'nish) *n.* [*< ML veronix, resin*] 1 a preparation of resinous substances dissolved in oil, alcohol, etc., used to give a hard, glossy surface to wood, metal, etc. 2 this surface 3 a surface smoothness, as of manner —*vt.* 1 to cover with varnish 2 to make superficially attractive

**var-si-ty** (vār'sə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*< UNIVERSITY*] the main team representing a university, school, etc., as in a sport

**var-y** (ver'ē, var'ē) *vt.* **var'ied**, **var'y-ing** [*< L varius, various*] 1 to change; alter 2 to make different from one another 3 to give variety to [*to vary one's reading*] —*vi.* 1 to undergo change 2 to be different 3 to deviate or depart (*from*)

**vas-cu-lar** (vas'kyə lər) *adj.* [*< L vas, vessel*] of or having vessels or ducts for conveying blood, sap, etc.

**vase** (vās, vāz) *n.* [*< L vas, vessel*] an open container used for decoration, displaying flowers, etc.

**vas-ec-to-my** (va sek'tə mē) *n., pl. -mies* [*< L vas, vessel + -ECTOMY*] the surgical removal or tying of the duct carrying sperm from the testicle

**Vas-e-line** (vas'ə lēn') [*< Ger was(ser), water + Gr el(aion), oil*] trademark for petrolatum —*n.* [*v-*] petrolatum

**vas-o-mo-tor** (vas'ō mōt'ər, vā'zō-) *adj.* [*< L vas, vessel + MOTOR*] regulating the diameter of blood vessels: said of a nerve, drug, etc.

**vas-sal** (vas'al) *n.* [*< ML vassus, servant*] 1 under feudalism; one who held land, owing fealty to an overlord 2 a subordinate, servant, slave, etc. — **vas'sal-age** (-ij) *n.*

**vast** (vast) *adj.* [*L vastus*] very great in size, degree, etc. —**vast'ly** *adv.* — **vast'ness** *n.*

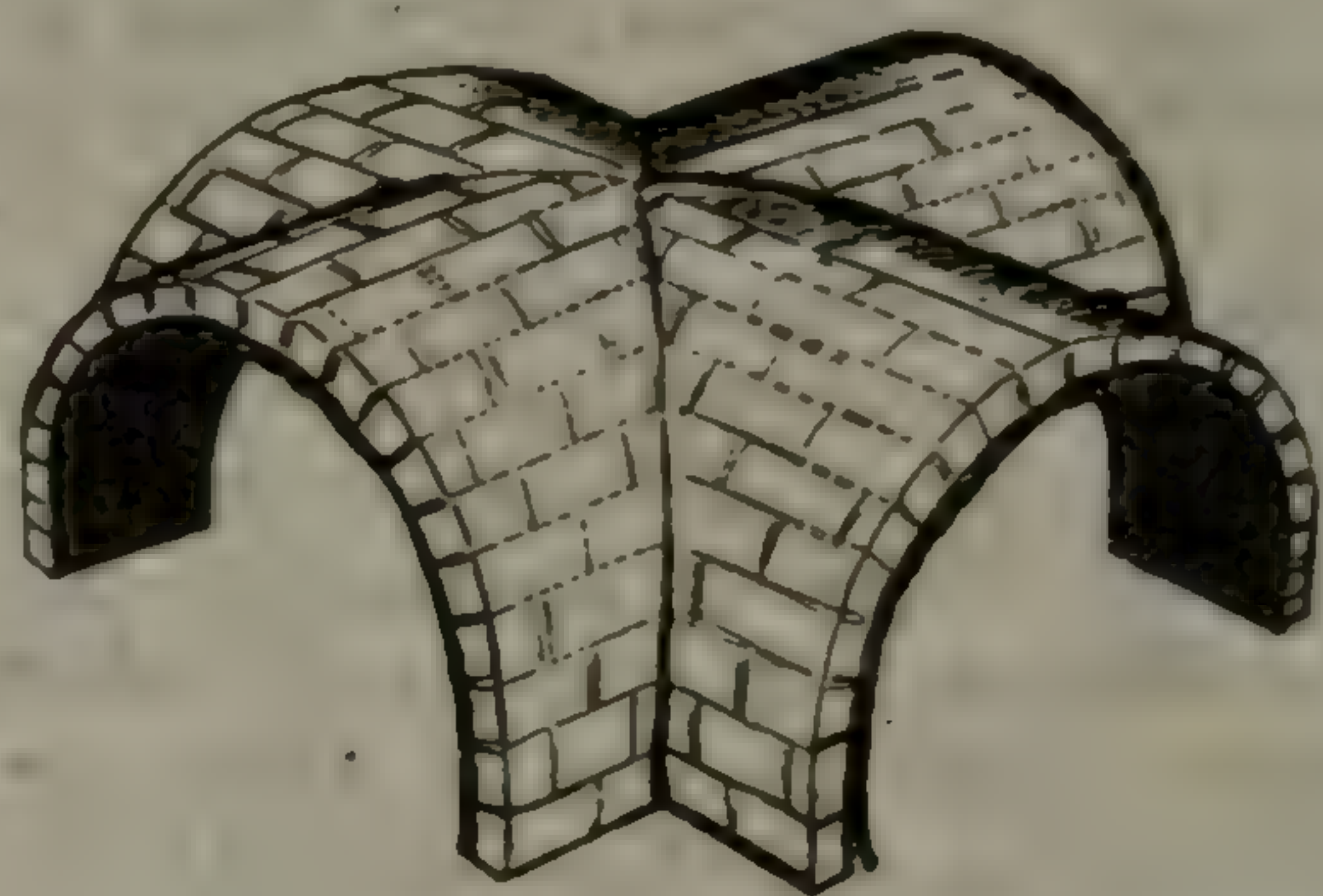
**vat** (vat) *n.* [*< OE fæt, cask*] a large container for holding liquids

**VAT** (vē'ā'tē', vat) *abbrev.* value-added tax

**Vat-i-can** (vat'i kən) *n.* 1 the papal palace in Vatican City 2 the papal government

**Vatican City** independent papal state, an enclave in Rome (Italy), including the Vatican: 108 acres or 0.17 sq. mi.; pop. c. 1,000

**vaude-ville** (vôd'vil) *n.* [*Fr, after Vau-de-Vire, a valley in Normandy, famous for convivial songs*] a stage show consisting of various acts



GROINED VAULT

**vault**<sup>1</sup> (vôlt) *n.* [*< L volvere, to roll*] 1 an arched roof or ceiling 2 an arched chamber or space 3 a cellar room used for storage 4 a burial chamber 5 a room for the safekeeping of valuables, as in a bank —*vt.* to cover with, or build as, a vault —*vi.* to curve like a vault

**vault**<sup>2</sup> (vôlt) *vi., vt.* [*< earlier It voltare*] to jump over (a barrier), esp. with the hands supported on the barrier or holding a long pole —*n.* a vaulting — **vault'er** *n.*

**vault'ing** *adj.* 1 leaping 2 unduly confident [*vaulting ambition*] 3 used in vaulting

**vaunt** (vônt) *vi., n.* [*< L vanus, vain*] boast —**vaunt'ed** *adj.*

**VCR** *n.* VIDEOCASSETTE RECORDER

**VD** *abbrev.* venereal disease

**VDI** *n.* a video display terminal

**-'ve** (v, əv) *suffix* have: used in contractions [*we've seen it*]

**veal** (vêl) *n.* [*< L vitulus, calf*] the flesh of a young calf, used as food

**vec-tor** (vek'tər) *n.* [*< L vehere, to carry*] 1 an animal that transmits a disease-producing organism 2 *Math.* a) an expression that denotes magnitude and direction, as velocity b) a line segment representing such an expression 3 the compass heading of an aircraft, etc.

**Ve-da** (vā'də, vē'-) *n.* [*Sans veda, knowledge*] any of four ancient sacred books of Hinduism —**Ve'dic** *adj.*

**Veep** (vēp) *n.* [*sometimes v-*] [*Inf.*] a vice-president

**veer** (vir) *vi., vt.* [*< Fr virer, turn around*] to change in direction; shift; turn —*n.* a change of direction

**veg-e-ta-ble** (vej'tə bəl, vej'ə tə-) *adj.* [*see VEGETATE*] 1 of plants in general 2 of, from, or like edible vegetables —*n.* 1 any plant, as distinguished from ani-



mal or inorganic matter 2 a plant eaten whole or in part, raw or cooked 3 a person thought of as like a vegetable, as a person in a coma

**veg·e·tar·i·an** (vej'ə ter'ē ən) *n.* one who eats no meat —*adj.* 1 of vegetarians 2 consisting only of vegetables

**veg·e·tate** (vej'ə tāt') *vi.* -tat'ed, -tat'ing [*< L vegere, quicken*] 1 to grow as plants 2 to lead a dull, inactive life — **veg'e-ta'tive** *adj.*

**veg'e-ta'tion** (-tā'shən) *n.* 1 a vegetating 2 plant life in general

**veg·gie** (vej'ē) [*Slang*] *n.* 1 a vegetable 2 a vegetarian —*adj.* vegetarian Also **veg'ie**

**ve·he·ment** (vē'ə mənt) *adj.* [*< L vehere, carry*] 1 violent; impetuous 2 full of intense or strong passion — **ve'he-mence** or **ve'he-men-cy** *n.* — **ve'he-ment-ly** *adv.*

**ve·hi·cle** (vē'ə kəl) *n.* [*< L vehere, to carry*] 1 any device for carrying or conveying persons or objects 2 a means of expressing thoughts, etc. — **ve-hic'u-lar** (-hik'yō lər) *adj.*

**veil** (vāl) *n.* [*< L velum, cloth*] 1 a piece of light fabric, as of net, worn, esp. by women, over the face or head 2 anything used to conceal, cover, separate, etc. [*a veil of silence*] 3 a part of a nun's headdress —*vt.* 1 to cover with a veil 2 to hide or disguise —**take the veil** to become a nun

**veiled** (vāld) *adj.* 1 wearing a veil 2 concealed, hidden, etc. 3 not openly expressed

**vein** (vān) *n.* [*< L vena*] 1 any blood vessel carrying blood to the heart 2 any of the ribs of an insect's wing or of a leaf blade 3 a body of minerals occupying a fissure in rock 4 a lode 5 a streak of a different color, etc., as in marble 6 a distinctive quality in one's character, speech, etc. 7 a mood —*vt.* to mark as with veins

**Vel·cro** (vel'krō) *trademark* for a nylon material for fastenings, made up of matching strips with tiny hooks and adhesive pile, that can be easily pressed together or pulled apart —*n.* [*occas. v-*] this material

**veld** or **veldt** (velt) *n.* [*Afrik < MDu veld, field*] in S & E Africa, open, grassy country, with few bushes or trees

**vel·lum** (vel'əm) *n.* [*< L vitulus, calf*] 1 a fine parchment prepared from calfskin, lambskin, etc. used for writing on or for binding books 2 a strong paper made to resemble this

**ve·loc·i·ty** (və lās'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*< L velox, swift*] 1 quickness of motion; swiftness 2 rate of change of position, in relation to time; speed

**ve·lour** or **ve·lours** (və lōor') *n., pl. -lours' (-lōorz', -lōor')* [*Fr < L villus, shaggy hair*] a fabric with a soft nap like velvet

**ve·lum** (vē'ləm) *n., pl. -la (-lə)* [*L, a veil*] SOFT PALATE

**vel·vet** (vel'vət) *n.* [*< L villus, shaggy hair*] 1 a rich fabric of silk, rayon, etc. with a soft, thick pile 2 anything like velvet in texture —*adj.* 1 made of velvet 2 like velvet —**vel'vet-y** *adj.*

**vel'vet·een'** (-və tēn') *n.* a cotton cloth with a short, thick pile like velvet

**ve·nal** (vē'nəl) *adj.* [*L venalis, for sale*] open to, or characterized by, bribery or corruption —**ve-nal-i-ty** (vi nal'ə tē) *n.*

**vend** (vend) *vt., vi.* [*< L venum dare, offer for sale*] to sell (goods) —**ven'dor** or **vend'er** *n.*

**ven·det·ta** (ven det'ə) *n.* [*It < L vindicta, vengeance*] a bitter feud, as between families

**vending machine** a coin-operated machine for selling small articles, refreshments, etc.

**ve·neer** (və nir') *vt.* [*< Fr fournir, furnish*] to cover with a thin layer of more costly material; esp., to cover (wood) with wood of finer quality —*n.* 1 a thin surface layer, as of fine wood, laid over a base of common material 2 superficial appearance [*a veneer of culture*]

**ven·er·a·ble** (ven'ər ə bəl) *adj.* worthy of respect because of age, dignity, etc. —**ven'er-a-bil'i-ty** *n.*

**ven·er·ate** (ven'ər āt') *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*< L venerari, to worship*] to look upon with feelings of deep respect; revere — **ven'er-a'tion** *n.*

**ve·ne·re·al** (və nir'ē əl) *adj.* [*< L venus, love*] 1 of sexual intercourse 2 transmitted by sexual intercourse [*venereal disease*]

**Ve·ne·tian** (və nē'shən) *adj.* of Venice or its people or culture —*n.* a person born or living in Venice

**Venetian blind** [*also v-b-*] a window blind of thin, horizontal slats that can be set at any angle

**Ven·e·zue·la** (ven'ə zwā'lə) country in N South America: 352,143 sq. mi.; pop. 19,405,000 —**Ven'e-zue'lan** *adj., n.*

**venge·ance** (ven'jəns) *n.* [*< L vindicare, avenge*] the return of an injury for an injury, as in retribution; revenge — **with a vengeance** 1 with great force or fury 2 excessively

**venge·ful** (venj'fəl) *adj.* seeking vengeance; vindictive —**venge'ful-ly** *adv.*

**ve·nial** (vēn'yəl, vē'nē əl) *adj.* [*< L venia, a grace*] that may be forgiven; pardonable [*a venial sin*]

**Ven·ice** (ven'is) seaport in N Italy built on more than 100 small islands: pop. 306,000

**ve·ni·re·man** (və nī'rē mən) *n., pl. -men (-mən)* [*< ML venire facias, cause to come*] one of a group of people from among whom a jury will be selected

**ven·i·son** (ven'i sən, -zən) *n.* [*< L venari, to hunt*] the flesh of a deer, used as food

**ven·om** (ven'əm) *n.* [*< L venenum, a poison*] 1 the poison secreted by some snakes, spiders, etc. 2 malice

**ven'om·ous** *adj.* 1 full of venom; poisonous 2 spiteful; malicious

**ve·nous** (vē'nəs) *adj.* [*L venosus*] 1 of veins 2 designating blood carried in veins

**vent<sup>1</sup>** (vent) *n.* [*< L ventus, wind*] 1 expression; release [*giving vent to emotion*] 2 a small opening to permit pas-



sage or escape, as of a gas —*vt.* 1 to make a vent in or for 2 to express; let out

**vent**<sup>2</sup> (vent) *n.* [*< L findere, to split*] a vertical slit in a garment

**ven·ti·late** (vent'əl āt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [*< L ventus, wind*] 1 to circulate fresh air in (a room, etc.) 2 to provide with an opening for the escape of air, gas, etc. —**ven'ti-la'tion** *n.*

**ven'ti-la'tor** *n.* an opening or a device used to bring in fresh air and drive out foul air

**ven·tral** (ven'trəl) *adj.* [*< L venter, belly*] of, near, or on the belly

**ven·tri·cle** (ven'tri kəl) *n.* [*see prec.*] either of the two lower chambers of the heart —**ven·tric'u-lar** (-trik'yə lər) *adj.*

**ven·tril·o·quism** (ven tril'ə kwiz'əm) *n.* [*< L venter, belly + loqui, speak*] the art of speaking so that the voice seems to come from a source other than the speaker —**ven·tril'o·quist** *n.*

**ven·ture** (ven'chər) *n.* [*see ADVENTURE*] 1 a risky undertaking, as in business 2 something on which a risk is taken —*vt.* -tured, -tur'ing 1 to expose to danger or chance of loss 2 to express at the risk of criticism [*to venture an opinion*] —*vi.* to do or go at some risk

**ven'ture·some** (-səm) *adj.* 1 inclined to venture; daring 2 risky; hazardous Also **ven'tur·ous** (-əs)

**ven·ue** (ven'yoo') *n.* [*< L venire, come*] 1 *Law a)* the locality in which a cause of action or a crime occurs *b)* the locality in which a jury is drawn and a case is tried 2 the scene of a large gathering for some event

**Ve·nus** (vē'nəs) *n.* 1 the Roman goddess of love and beauty 2 the brightest planet in the solar system: *see* PLANET



VENUS' FLYTRAP

**Venus' fly·trap** (fli'trap') a swamp plant with hinged leaves that snap shut, trapping insects

**Ve·nu·si·an** (vi nōō'shən) *adj.* of the planet Venus —*n.* an imaginary inhabitant of Venus

**ve·ra·cious** (və rā'shəs) *adj.* [*< L verus, true*] 1 habitually truthful; honest 2 true; accurate

**ve·rac·i·ty** (və ras'ə tē) *n.* 1 honesty 2 accuracy 3 truth

**Ver·a·cruz** (ver'ə krōōz') state of Mexico, on the E coast: 28,114 sq. mi; pop.

6,228,000

**ve·ran·da** or **ve·ran·dah** (və ran'də) *n.* [*< Port varanda, balcony*] an open porch or portico, usually roofed, along the outside of a building

**verb** (vərb) *n.* [*L verbum, a word*] a word expressing action, existence, or occurrence

**ver·bal** (vər'bəl) *adj.* 1 of, in, or by means of words 2 in speech; oral 3 of, like, or derived from a verb —**ver'bal·ly** *adv.*

**ver'bal·ize'** *vi.* -ized', -iz'ing to use words for communication —*vt.* to express in words —**ver·ba·li·za'tion** *n.*

**verbal noun** *Gram.* a noun derived from a verb (Ex.: *swimming* is fun)

**ver·ba·tim** (vər bāt'əm) *adv., adj.* [*< L verbum, a word*] word for word

**ver·be·na** (vər bē'nə) *n.* [*L, foliage*] an ornamental plant with spikes or clusters of showy red, white, or purplish flowers

**ver·bi·age** (vər'bē ij') *n.* [*Fr < L verbum, a word*] an excess of words; wordiness

**ver·bose** (vər bōs') *adj.* [*< L verbum, a word*] using too many words; wordy —**ver·bos'i·ty** (-bās'ə tē) *n.*

**ver·dant** (vər'dənt) *adj.* [*prob. VERD(URE) + -ANT*] 1 green 2 covered with green vegetation

**Ver·di** (ver'dē), **Giu·sep·pe** (jōō zep'pe) 1813-1901; It. operatic composer

**ver·dict** (vər'dikt) *n.* [*< L vere, truly + dictum, a thing said*] 1 the formal finding of a judge or jury 2 any decision or judgment

**ver·di·gris** (vər'di grēs', -gris) *n.* [*< OFr vert de Grece, lit., green of Greece*] a greenish coating that forms on brass, bronze, or copper

**ver·dure** (vər'jər) *n.* [*< OFr verd, green*] 1 the fresh-green color of growing things 2 green vegetation

**verge**<sup>1</sup> (vərj) *n.* [*< L virga, rod*] the edge, brink, or margin (of something) —*vi.* verged, verg'ing to be on the verge: usually with *on* or *upon*

**verge**<sup>2</sup> (vərj) *vi.* verged, verg'ing [*L vergere, to bend, turn*] 1 to tend or incline (*to* or *toward*) 2 to change or pass gradually (*into*)

**verg·er** (vər'jər) *n.* [*ME, ult. < L virga, rod*] a church caretaker or usher

**Ver·gil** (vər'jəl) *alt. sp. of VIRGIL*

**ver·i·fy** (ver'ə fi') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [*< L verus, true + -ficare, -FY*] 1 to prove to be true by demonstration, evidence, etc.; confirm 2 to test the accuracy of —**ver'i-fi'a·ble** *adj.* —**ver'i-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**ver·i·ly** (ver'ə lē) *adv.* [Archaic] truly

**ver·i·si·mil·i·tude** (ver'ə si mil'ə tōōd') *n.* [*< L verus, true + similis, like*] the appearance of being true or real

**ver·i·ta·ble** (ver'i tə bəl) *adj.* [*see fol.*] true; actual

**ver·i·ty** (ver'ə tē) *n.* [*< L verus, true*] 1 truth; reality 2 *pl.* -ties a principle, belief, etc. taken to be fundamentally true; a truth

**ver·mi·cel·li** (vər'mə sel'ē, -chel'ē) *n.* [*It < L vermis, a worm*] pasta like thin spaghetti

**ver·mic·u·lite** (vər mik'yə lit') *n.* [*< L*



- vermis*, a worm] a hydrous silicate mineral that expands when heated, used as in insulation
- ver-mi-form** (vər'mə fōrm') *adj.* [*< L vermis*, a worm + *-FORM*] shaped like a worm
- vermiform appendix** the appendix extending from the cecum of the large intestine
- ver-mil-ion** (vər mil'yən) *n.* [*< L vermis*, a worm] 1 a bright-red pigment 2 a bright red or scarlet
- ver-min** (vər'mən) *n., pl. -min* [*< L vermis*, a worm] 1 [*pl.*] various destructive insects or small animals regarded as pests, as rats 2 a vile person
- Ver-mont** (vər mǎnt') New England state of the U.S.: 9,249 sq. mi.; pop. 563,000; cap. Montpelier: abbrev. VT — **Ver-mont'er** *n.*
- ver-mouth** (vər mōōth') *n.* [*< Ger wermut*, wormwood] a white fortified wine flavored with herbs, used in cocktails and as an aperitif
- ver-nac-u-lar** (vər nak'yə lər) *adj.* [*< L vernaculus*, indigenous] 1 of, in, or using the native language of a place 2 native to a country — *n.* 1 the native language or dialect of a country or place 2 the common, everyday language of a people 3 the jargon of a profession or trade
- ver-nal** (vər'nəl) *adj.* [*< L ver*, spring] 1 of or in the spring 2 springlike 3 youthful
- ver-ni-er** (vər'nē ər) *n.* [after P. Vernier, 17th-c. Fr mathematician] a short graduated scale sliding along a longer graduated instrument to indicate parts of divisions: also **vernier scale**
- Ver-sailles** (vər sī') city in NC France, near Paris: site of a palace built by Louis XIV: pop. 88,000
- ver-sa-tile** (vər'sə təl) *adj.* [*< L vertere*, to turn] competent in many things — **ver-sa-til'i-ty** (-til'ə tē) *n.*
- verse** (vərs) *n.* [*< L vertere*, to turn] 1 a single line of poetry 2 poetry 3 a particular form of poetry 4 a poem 5 a stanza 6 *Bible* any of the short divisions of a chapter
- versed** (vərst) *adj.* [*< L versari*, be busy] skilled or learned (*in* a subject)
- ver-si-fy** (vər'sə fī') *vi. -fied', -fy'ing* [*< L versus*, a verse + *facere*, make] to compose verses — *vt.* 1 to tell about in verse 2 to put into verse form — **ver-si-fi-ca'tion** *n.* — **ver-si-fi'er** *n.*
- ver-sion** (vər'zhən) *n.* [see **VERSE**] 1 a translation, esp. of the Bible 2 an account showing one point of view 3 a particular form of something
- ver-sus** (vər'səs) *prep.* [ML. *< L*, toward] 1 against 2 in contrast with
- ver-te-bra** (vər'tə brə) *n., pl. -brae' (-brē', -brā')* or **-bras** [L. *< vertere*, to turn] any of the single bones of the spinal column — **ver-te-bral** *adj.*
- ver-te-brate** (-brit, -brāt') *adj.* 1 having a backbone, or spinal column 2 of the vertebrates — *n.* any of a large division of animals having a spinal column, as mammals, birds, etc.
- ver-tex** (vər'teks') *n., pl. -tex'es* or **-ti-**
- ces'** (-tə sēz') [L] 1 the highest point; top 2 *Geom.* the point of intersection of the two sides of an angle
- ver-ti-cal** (vər'ti kəl) *adj.* 1 of or at the vertex 2 upright, straight up or down, etc. — *n.* a vertical line, plane, etc. — **ver'ti-cal-ly** *adv.*
- ver-tig-i-nous** (vər tij'ə nəz) *adj.* of, having, or causing vertigo
- ver-ti-gō** (vər'ti gō') *n.* [L. *< vertere*, to turn] a sensation of dizziness
- verve** (vərv) *n.* [Fr. *< OFr*, manner of speech] vigor; energy; enthusiasm.
- ver-y** (ver'ē) *adj.* [*< L verus*, true] 1 complete; absolute [the *very* opposite] 2 same [the *very* hat I lost] 3 being just what is needed 4 actual [caught in the *very* act]: often an intensive [the *very* rafters shook] — *adv.* 1 extremely 2 truly; really [the *very* same man]
- very high frequency** any radio frequency between 30 and 300 megahertz
- very low frequency** any radio frequency between 10 and 30 kilohertz
- ves-i-cant** (ves'i kənt) *adj.* [*< L vesica*, a blister] causing blisters — *n.* a vesicant agent, as mustard gas used in warfare to blister skin and lungs
- ves'i-cle** (-kəl) *n.* [*< L vesica*, bladder] a small, membranous cavity, sac, or cyst — **ve-sic-u-lar** (və sik'yə lər) or **ve-sic'u-late** (-lit) *adj.*
- ves-pers** (ves'pərz) *n.* [ult. *< L vespera*, evening] [often *V-*] [usually with *sing v.*] an evening prayer or service
- Ves-puc-ci** (ves pōōt'chē), **A-me-ri-go** (ə'me rē'gō) (L. name *Americus Vesputius*) 1454-1512; It. navigator & explorer
- ves-sel** (ves'əl) *n.* [*< L vas*] 1 a utensil for holding something, as a bowl, kettle, etc. 2 a boat or ship 3 a tube or duct of the body, containing a fluid
- vest** (vest) *n.* [*< L vestis*, garment] a short, sleeveless garment, esp. one worn under a suit coat by men — *vt.* 1 to dress, as in clerical robes 2 to place (authority, etc.) in someone 3 to put (a person) in control of, as power, etc. — *vi.* to pass to a person; become vested (*in* a person), as property
- ves-tal** (ves'təl) *adj.* [*< L Vesta*, goddess of the hearth] chaste; pure — *n.* a virgin priestess of the Roman goddess Vesta: in full **vestal virgin**
- vest-ed** (ves'tid) *adj.* [pp. of **VEST**] *Law* fixed; settled; absolute [a *vested* right]
- vested interest** 1 an established right, as to some future benefit 2 [*pl.*] groups pursuing selfish goals and exerting controlling influence
- ves-ti-bule** (ves'tə byōōl') *n.* [L. *vestibulum*] a small entrance hall, as to a building
- ves-tige** (ves'tij) *n.* [*< L vestigium*, footprint] 1 a trace, mark, or sign, esp. of something that has passed away 2 *Biol.* a degenerate part, more fully developed in an earlier stage — **ves-tig'i-al** (-tij'ē əl, -tij'əl) *adj.*
- vest'ing** *n.* the retention by an employee of all or part of pension rights
- vest-ment** (vest'mənt) *n.* [*< L vestire*,



clothe] a garment or robe, esp. one worn by a the clergy

**vest'-pock'et** *adj.* very small, or unusually small

**ves·try** (ves'trē) *n., pl. -tries* [*< L vestis, garment*] 1 a room in a church where vestments, etc. are kept 2 a room in a church, used as a chapel 3 a group of church members managing the temporal affairs of the church

**Ve-su-vi-us** (və sōō'vē.əs) active volcano in S Italy, near Naples

**vet**<sup>1</sup> (vet) *vt.* to evaluate thoroughly or expertly

**vet**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* 1 veteran 2 veterinarian 3 veterinary

**vetch** (vech) *n.* [*< L vicia*] a leafy, climbing or trailing plant of the pea family, grown for fodder

**vet·er·an** (vet'ər ən, ve'trən) *adj.* [*< L vetus, old*] 1 old and experienced 2 of veterans —*n.* 1 one who has served in the armed forces 2 one who has served long in some position

**Veterans Day** a legal holiday in the U.S. honoring all veterans of the armed forces: observed on ARMISTICE DAY

**vet·er·i·nar·i·an** (vet'ər ə ner'ē ən) *n.* one who practices veterinary medicine or surgery

**vet'·er·i·nar'y** (-ē) *adj.* [*< L veterina, beasts of burden*] designating or of the branch of medicine dealing with animals —*n., pl. -ies* VETERINARIAN

**ve·to** (vē'tō) *n., pl. -toes* [*L, I forbid*] 1 *a*) an order prohibiting some act *b*) the power to prohibit action 2 *a*) the power of one branch of government to reject bills passed by another *b*) the exercise of this power —*vt. -toed, -to-ing* 1 to prevent (a bill) from becoming law by a veto 2 to forbid

**vex** (veks) *vt.* [*< L vexare, agitate*] 1 to disturb; annoy, esp. in a petty way 2 to distress; afflict

**vex·a·tion** (vek sā'shən) *n.* 1 a vexing or being vexed 2 something that vexes —**vex·a'tious** *adj.*

**VHF** or **vhf** *abbrev.* very high frequency

**VHS** [*v(ideo) h(ome) s(ystem)*] *trademark* for an electronic system for recording video and audio information on video-cassettes

**vi** *abbrev.* intransitive verb

**VI** *abbrev.* Virgin Islands: also V.I.

**vi·a** (vī'ə, vē'ə) *prep.* [*L, way*] by way of

**vi·a·ble** (vī'ə bəl) *adj.* [*< L vita, life*] 1 sufficiently developed to be able to live outside the uterus 2 workable [*viable ideas*] —**vi·a·bil'i·ty** *n.*

**vi·a·duct** (vī'ə dukt') *n.* [*< VIA + (AQUE)DUCT*] a bridge consisting of a series of short spans, supported on piers or towers

**Vi·ag·ra** (vī ag'rə) *trademark* for a compound used to treat erectile dysfunction of the penis

**vi·al** (vī'al) *n.* [*< OFr fiole*] a small vessel or bottle for liquids

**vi·and** (vī'ənd) *n.* [*< L vivere, to live*] an article of food

**vibes** (vībz) *pl.n.* 1 VIBRAPHONE 2

[Slang] qualities thought of as being like vibrations which produce an emotional reaction in others

**vi·brant** (vī'brənt) *adj.* 1 quivering or vibrating 2 produced by vibration 3 vigorous, vivacious, etc. —**vi'bran·cy** *n.* —**vi'brant·ly** *adv.*

**vi·bra·phone** (vī'brə fōn') *n.* a musical instrument like the marimba, with electrically operated resonators —**vi'bra·phon'ist** *n.*

**vi·brate** (vī'brāt') *vt. -brat'ed, -brat'ing* [*< L vibrare*] to set in to-and-fro motion —*vi.* 1 to swing back and forth; oscillate 2 to move rapidly back and forth; quiver 3 to resound 4 to be emotionally stirred —**vi·bra'tion** *n.* —**vi'bra'tor** *n.*

**vi·bra·to** (vi brāt'ō) *n., pl. -tos* [*It*] a pulsating effect produced by rapid alternation of a given tone with a barely perceptible variation in pitch

**vi·bra·to·ry** (vī'brə tōr'ē) *adj.* 1 of, like, or causing vibration 2 vibrating or capable of vibrating

**vi·bur·num** (vī bur'nəm) *n.* [*L, way-faring tree*] a shrub or small tree with white flowers

**vic·ar** (vik'ər) *n.* [*< L vicis, a change*] 1 *Anglican Ch.* a parish priest receiving a stipend 2 *R.C.Ch.* a church officer acting as a deputy of a bishop

**vic'ar·age** *n.* 1 the residence of a vicar 2 the position or duties of a vicar

**vi·car·i·ous** (vī ker'ē əs) *adj.* [*< L vicarius, substituted*] 1 endured or performed by one person in place of another 2 shared in by imagined participation in another's experience [*a vicarious thrill*] —**vi·car'i·ous·ly** *adv.*

**vice**<sup>1</sup> (vīs) *n.* [*< L vitium*] 1 *a*) an evil action or habit *b*) evil conduct *c*) prostitution 2 a trivial fault or failing

**vi·ce**<sup>2</sup> (vī'sē) *prep.* [*L < vicis, a change*] in the place of

**vice-** [*see prec.*] *prefix* a subordinate; deputy [*vice-president*]

**vice·ge·rent** (vīs'jir'ənt) *n.* [*< VICE- + L gerere, to direct*] a deputy

**vice'·pres'i·dent** *n.* an officer next in rank below a president, acting during the president's absence or incapacity: for the U.S. official, usually Vice President —**vice'·pres'i·den·cy** *n.*

**vice·roy** (vīs'roi') *n.* [*MFr < vice- (see VICE-) + roy, king*] a person ruling a region as the deputy of a sovereign

**vi·ce ver·sa** (vī'sə var'sə, vīs' var'sə) [*L*] the relation being reversed

**vi·chys·soise** (vē'shē swāz', vish'ē-) *n.* a thick, cold soup of potatoes, leeks, and cream

**vi·cin·i·ty** (və sin'ə tē) *n., pl. -ties* [*< L vicus, village*] 1 nearness; proximity 2 the surrounding area

**vi·cious** (vish'əs) *adj.* [*< L vitium, vice*] 1 characterized by vice; evil or depraved 2 faulty; flawed 3 unruly [*a vicious horse*] 4 malicious; spiteful [*a vicious rumor*] 5 very intense, forceful, etc. [*a vicious blow*] —**vi'cious·ly** *adv.* —**vi'cious·ness** *n.*

**vicious circle** a situation in which the solution of one problem gives rise to



another, eventually bringing back the first problem: also **vicious cycle**

**vi-cis-si-tudes** (vi sis'ə tōōdz') *pl.n.* [**< L** *vicis*, a turn] unpredictable changes in life; ups and downs

**Vicks-burg** (viks'bɜrg') city in W Mississippi: besieged & captured by Grant in the Civil War (1863): pop. 21,000

**vic-tim** (vik'təm) *n.* [**L** *victima*] 1 someone or something killed, destroyed, sacrificed, etc. 2 one who suffers some loss, esp. by being swindled

**vic'tim-ize'** (-iz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to make a victim of

**vic-tor** (vik'tər) *n.* [**< L** *vincere*, conquer] the winner in a battle, struggle, etc.

**Vic-to-ri-a**<sup>1</sup> (vik tōr'ē ə) 1819-1901; queen of Great Britain & Ireland (1837-1901)

**Vic-to-ri-a**<sup>2</sup> (vik tōr'ē ə) capital of British Columbia, Canada: pop. 74,000

**Vic-to-ri-an** *adj.* 1 of or characteristic of the period of the reign of Queen Victoria 2 showing the respectability, prudence, etc. attributed to the Victorians — *n.* a person of that time — **Vic-to-ri-an-ism'** *n.*

**vic-to-ri-ous** (vik tōr'ē əs) *adj.* 1 having won a victory; triumphant 2 of or bringing about victory

**vic-to-ry** (vik'tər ē, -trē) *n., pl. -ries* [**< L** *vincere*, conquer] the winning of a battle, war, or any struggle

**vict-u-als** (vit'ŋlz) *pl.n.* [**< L** *victus*, food] [Inf. or Dial.] articles of food

**vi-cu-ña** (vī kyōō'nyə, -nə) *n.* [Sp] 1 a small llama of South America 2 its soft, shaggy wool

**vi-de** (vī'dē) *v.* [**L**] see; refer to (a certain page, etc.)

**vid-e-o** (vid'ē ō') *adj.* [**L**, I see] 1 of television 2 of the picture portion of a telecast 3 of data display on a computer — *n., pl. -os'* 1 TELEVISION 2 short for VIDEOCASSETTE, VIDEOTAPE, etc.

**vid'e-o-cas-sette'** *n.* a cassette of videotape

**videocassette recorder** a device for recording on and playing back videocassettes: also **vid'e-o-re-cord'er** *n.*

**vid'e-o-con'fer-enc-ing** *n.* the holding of a conference at several locations by TV

**vid'e-o-disc'** *n.* a disc on which images and sounds can be recorded for reproduction on a TV set: also **vid'e-o-disk'**

**video game** any of various games involving images, controlled by players, on a TV screen, computer monitor, etc.

**vid'e-o-tape'** *n.* a magnetic tape on which images and sounds can be recorded for reproduction on TV. — *vt.* -taped', -tap'ing to record on videotape

**vie** (vī) *vi.* vied, vy'ing [**< L** *invitare*, invite] to struggle for superiority (with someone); compete

**Vi-en-na** (vē en'ə) capital of Austria: pop. 1,516,000 — **Vi-en-nese** (vēə nēz'), *pl. -nese', adj., n.*

**Vi-et-nam** (vē'et nām', -nam') country on the E coast of Indochina: partitioned into two republics (North Vietnam & South Vietnam) in 1954, and reunified in 1976 as Socialist Republic of Viet-

nam: 127,246 sq. mi.; pop. 64,412,000 — **Vi-et-nam-ese'** (-nə mēz'), *pl. -ese', adj., n.*

**view** (vyōō) *n.* [**< L** *videre*, to see] 1 a seeing or looking, as in inspection 2 range of vision 3 mental survey [a correct *view* of a situation] 4 a scene or prospect [a room with a *view*] 5 manner of regarding something; opinion — *vt.* 1 to inspect; scrutinize 2 to see; behold 3 to survey mentally; consider — *in view* 1 in sight 2 under consideration 3 as a goal or hope — *in view of* because of — *on view* displayed publicly — *with a view to* with the purpose or hope of

**view'er** *n.* 1 one who views something 2 an optical device for individual viewing of slides

**view'find'er** *n.* a camera device for viewing what will appear in the photograph

**view'point'** *n.* the mental position from which things are viewed and judged; point of view

**vig-il.** (vij'əl) *n.* [**< L**, awake] 1 *a)* a watchful staying awake *b)* a watch kept 2 the eve of a church festival

**vig-i-lant** (vij'ə lənt) *adj.* [**< L** *vigil*, awake] staying watchful and alert to danger or trouble — **vig'i-lance** *n.*

**vig-i-lan-te** (vij'ə lan'tē) *n.* [Sp, watchman] one who acts outside the law to punish or avenge a crime — **vig'i-lan'tism'** *n.* — **vig'i-lan'tist** *adj.*

**vi-gnette** (vin yet') *n.* [Fr **< vigne**, vine] 1 an ornamental design used on a page of a book, etc. 2 a picture shading off gradually at the edges 3 a short literary sketch, scene in a film, etc.

**vig-or** (vig'ər) *n.* [**< L** *vigere*, be strong] active force or strength; vitality; energy: Brit. sp. **vig'our** — **vig'or-ous** *adj.* — **vig'or-ous-ly** *adv.*

**vik-ing** (vī'kiŋ) *n.* [ON *vikingr*] [also V-] any of the Scandinavian pirates of the 8th to the 10th c.

**vile** (vīl) *adj.* [**< L** *vilis*, cheap, base] 1 morally evil; wicked 2 disgusting 3 degrading; mean 4 very bad [*vile weather*] — **vile'ness** *n.*

**vil-i-fy** (vil'ə fī') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [see prec. & -FY] to use abusive language about or of; defame — **vil'i-fi-ca'tion** *n.*

**vil-la** (vil'ə) *n.* [It **< L**, a farm] a country house or estate, esp. a large one

**vil-lage** (vil'ij) *n.* [see prec.] 1 a community smaller than a town 2 the people of a village, collectively — **vil'lag-er** *n.*

**vil-lain** (vil'ən) *n.* [**< VL** *villanus*, a farm servant] a wicked or evil person, or such a character in a play, etc. — **vil'lain-ess** *fem.n.* — **vil'lain-ous** *adj.*

**vil'lain-y** *n., pl. -ies* 1 wickedness; evil 2 a villainous act

**vil-lein** (vil'ən) *n.* [see VILLAIN] a feudal serf who had become a freeman, except to his lord

**vim** (vim) *n.* [prob. echoic] vigor

**vin** (van; E vin) *n.* [Fr] wine

**vin-ai-grette** (vin'ə gret') *n.* [Fr **<**



*vinaigre*, vinegar] a salad dressing of vinegar, oil, etc.

**Vinci, Leonardo da** *see* DA VINCI, Leonardo

**vin·di·cate** (vin'də kāt') *vt.* -cat'ed, -cat'ing [*< L vis*, force + *dicere*, say] 1 to clear from criticism, blame, etc. 2 to defend against opposition 3 to justify —**vin'di-ca'tion** *n.* —**vin'di-ca'tor** *n.*

**vin·dic·tive** (vin dik'tiv) *adj.* [see prec.] 1 revengeful in spirit 2 said or done in revenge —**vin-dic'tive-ly** *adv.* —**vin-dic'tive-ness** *n.*

**vine** (vīn) *n.* [*< L vinum*, wine] 1 *a*) a plant with a long, thin stem that grows along the ground or climbs a support *b*) the stem of such a plant 2 a grapevine

**vin·e·gar** (vin'ə gər) *n.* [*< medieval Fr vin*, wine + *aigre*, sour] a sour liquid made by fermenting cider, wine, etc. and used as a condiment and preservative —**vin'e-gar-y** *adj.*

**vine·yard** (vin'yərd) *n.* land devoted to cultivating grapevines

**vi·no** (vē'nō) *n.* [It & Sp] wine

**vin ro·sé** (rō zā'; *E* rō zā') [Fr] ROSÉ

**vin·tage** (vin'tij) *n.* [*< L vinum*, wine + *demere*, remove] 1 the grape crop of a single season 2 the wine of a particular region and year 3 the model of a particular period [a car of prewar *vintage*] —**adj.** 1 of a particular vintage: said of wine 2 representative of the best [*vintage* Hemingway] 3 of a past period [*vintage* clothes]

**vint·ner** (vint'nər) *n.* [*< ME < L vinum*, wine] one who sells or makes wine

**vi·nyl** (vī'nəl) *n.* [*< L vinum*, wine] any of various compounds polymerized to form resins and plastics (*vinyl* plastics)

**vi·ol** (vī'əl) *n.* [*< VL vitula*, a fiddle] any of an early family of stringed instruments, usually having six strings, frets, and a flat back

**vi·o·la** (vē ō'lə, vī-) *n.* [It] a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin

**vi·o·la·ble** (vī'ə lə bəl) *adj.* that can be, or is likely to be, violated

**vi·o·late** (vī'ə lāt') *vt.* -lat'ed, -lat'ing [*< L violare*, use violence] 1 to fail to obey or keep (a law, etc.) 2 to rape 3 to desecrate (something sacred) 4 to break in upon; disturb —**vi'o-la'tor** *n.*

**vi'o-la'tion** (-lā'shən) *n.* a violating or being violated; specif., *a*) infringement, as of a law *b*) rape *c*) desecration of something sacred *d*) disturbance

**vi'o·lence** (-ləns) *n.* [*< L violentus*, violent] 1 physical force used so as to injure 2 powerful force, as of a hurricane 3 harm done by violating rights, etc. 4 a violent act or deed

**vi'o·lent** *adj.* 1 acting with or having great physical force 2 caused by violence 3 furious [*violent* language] 4 extreme; intense [a *violent* storm] —**vi'o·lent-ly** *adv.*

**vi·o·let** (vī'ə lit) *n.* [*< L viola*] 1 a plant with white, blue, purple, or yellow flowers 2 a bluish-purple color —**adj.** bluish-purple

**vi·o·lin** (vī'ə lin') *n.* [*< VIOLA*] any of the modern family of four-stringed musical instruments played with a bow; specif., the smallest and highest-pitched one of this family —**vi'o·lin'ist** *n.*

**vi·ol·ist** (vī'əl ist; *for* 2 vē ō'list) *n.* 1 a viol player 2 a viola player

**vi·o·lon·cel·lo** (vē'ə lən chel'ō, vī'ə lən-) *n., pl.* -los CELLO

**VIP** (vē'ī'pē') *n.* [*v(ery) i(mportant) p(erson)*] a high-ranking official or important guest

**vi·per** (vī'pər) *n.* [OFr *< L vipera*] 1 a venomous snake 2 a malicious or treacherous person —**vi'per-ous** *adj.*

**vi·ral** (vī'rəl) *adj.* of or caused by a virus

**vir·e·o** (vir'ē ō') *n., pl.* -os' [L, a type of finch] a small American songbird, with olive-green or gray feathers

**Vir·gil** (vər'jəl) 70-19 B.C.; Rom. poet: author of the *Aeneid*

**vir·gin** (vər'jən) *n.* [*< L virgo*, a maiden] one, esp. a young woman, who has never had sexual intercourse —**adj.** 1 being a virgin 2 chaste; modest 3 untouched, unused, pure, etc. [*virgin* land] —the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus

**vir'gin·al** *adj.* VIRGIN

**Vir·gin·ia** (vər jin'yə) state of the S U.S.: 39,598 sq. mi.; pop. 6,187,000; cap. Richmond: abbrev. VA —**Vir·gin'i·an** *adj., n.*

**Virginia Beach** city in SE Virginia, on the Atlantic: pop. 393,000

**Virginia creeper** WOODBINE (sense 2)

**Virginia reel** an American variety of reel danced by couples in two parallel rows

**Virgin Islands** group of islands in the West Indies, divided between those forming a British territory & those constituting a U.S. territory (*Virgin Islands of the United States*): U.S. part, 134 sq. mi., pop. 102,000

**vir·gin·i·ty** (vər jin'ə tē) *n.* a being a virgin

**Virgin Mary** Mary, the mother of Jesus

**Vir·go** (vər'gō') *n.* [L, virgin] the sixth sign of the zodiac

**vir·gule** (vər'gyōōl') *n.* [*< L virgula*, small rod] a diagonal line (/) used in dates or fractions (3/8) and also standing for "or", "per", etc.

**vir·ile** (vir'əl) *adj.* [*< L vir*, a man] 1 of or characteristic of a man; masculine 2 having manly strength or vigor 3 sexually potent —**vi·ril·i·ty** (və ril'ə tē) *n.*

**vi·rol·o·gy** (vī rāl'ə jē) *n.* [*< VIR(US) + -o- + -LOGY*] the study of viruses and virus diseases —**vi·rol'o·gist** *n.*

**vir·tu·al** (vər'chōō əl) *adj.* being so in effect, although not in actual fact or name —**vir'tu·al·ly** *adv.*

**virtual reality** computer simulation of three-dimensional images, with which one may seemingly interact using special electronic devices

**vir·tue** (vər'chōō) *n.* [*< L virtus*, worth] 1 general moral excellence 2 a specific moral quality regarded as good 3 chastity 4 *a*) excellence in general *b*) a good quality 5 efficacy, as of a medicine —**by** (or **in**) **virtue** of because of



**vir·tu·o·so** (var'chōō ō'sō) *n.*, *pl.* -sos or -si (-sē) [It, skilled] one with great skill in a fine art —**vir·tu·os'ity** (-ās'ə tē) *n.*

**vir·tu·ous** (var'chōō əs) *adj.* 1 having, or characterized by, moral virtue 2 chaste: said of a woman —**vir·tu·ous·ly** *adv.*

**vir·u·lent** (vir'yoo lənt, -oo-) *adj.* [see fol.] 1 *a*) extremely poisonous *b*) full of hate 2 *Med.* *a*) violent and rapid in its course *b*) highly infectious —**vir'u·lence** *n.*

**vi·rus** (vī'rəs) *n.* [L, a poison] 1 a microscopic infectious agent causing various diseases 2 any harmful influence 3 unauthorized, disruptive, spreadable computer program instructions

**vi·sa** (vē'zə, -sə) *n.* [< L *videre*, see] an endorsement on a passport, granting entry into a country

**vis·age** (viz'ij) *n.* [see prec.] 1 the face; countenance 2 aspect; look

**vis·à·vis** (vē'zə vē') *adj.*, *adv.* [Fr] face to face; opposite —*prep.* 1 opposite to 2 in relation to

**vis·cer·a** (vis'ər ə) *pl.n.*, *sing.* vis'cus (-kəs) [L] the internal organs of the body, as the heart, lungs, intestines, etc.

**vis'cer·al** *adj.* 1 of the viscera 2 intuitive, emotional, etc. rather than intellectual

**vis·cid** (vis'id) *adj.* [< LL *viscidus*, sticky] thick, syrupy, and sticky

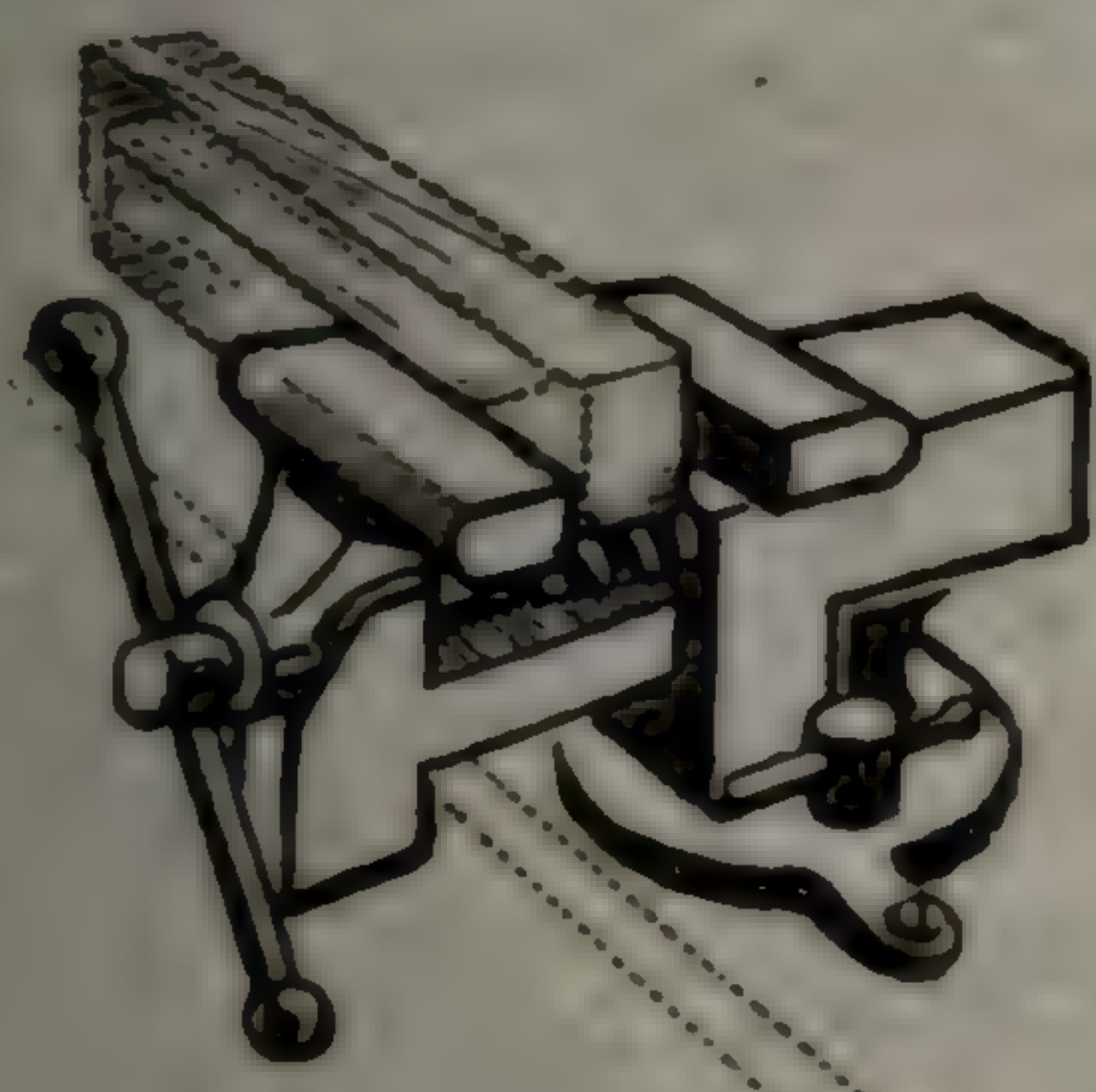
**vis·cose** (vis'kōs') *n.* [see VISCID] a syruplike solution of cellulose, used in making rayon and cellophane

**vis·cos·i·ty** (vis käs'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties 1 a viscous quality 2 *Physics* the resistance of a fluid to flowing freely

**vis·count** (vī'kount') *n.* [see VICE- & COUNT<sup>2</sup>] a nobleman next below an earl or count and above a baron — **vis'count'ess** *fem.n.*

**vis·cous** (vis'kəs) *adj.* [see VISCID] 1 syrupy; viscid 2 *Physics* having viscosity

**vis·e** (vis) *n.* [< L *vitis*, vine, lit., that which winds] a device having two jaws closed by a screw, used for holding firmly an object being worked on



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**vis·nu** (vish'nōō) *n.* a Hindu god, often in human incarnation

**vis·i·bil·i·ty** (viz'ə bil'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties 1 a being visible 2 *a*) the relative possibility of being seen under the prevailing conditions of distance, light, etc. [red has good *visibility*] *b*) range of vision

**vis·i·ble** (viz'ə bəl) *adj.* [< L *videre*, to see] 1 that can be seen 2 apparent —

**vis'i·bly** *adv.*

**vi·sion** (vizh'an) *n.* [see prec.] 1 the power of seeing 2 something seen in a dream, trance, etc., or supernaturally revealed 3 a mental image 4 the ability to perceive or foresee something, as through mental acuteness 5 something or someone of great beauty

**vi'sion·ar'y** (-er'ē) *adj.* 1 seen in a vision 2 not realistic; impractical [a *visionary* scheme] —*n.*, *pl.* -ies 1 one who sees visions 2 one whose ideas, etc. are impractical

**vis·it** (viz'it) *vt.* [< L *videre*, to see] 1 to go or come to see 2 to stay with as a guest 3 to afflict or trouble —*vi.* 1 to make a social call 2 [Inf.] to chat —*n.* 1 a social call 2 a stay as a guest

**vis'it·ant** *n.* a visitor

**vis·it·a·tion** (viz'ə tā'shən) *n.* 1 an official visit, as to inspect 2 a reward or punishment, as sent by God 3 the legal right to visit one's children, as after divorce 4 the visiting of a family in mourning

**vis'i·tor** *n.* a person making a visit

**vi·sor** (vī'zər) *n.* [< OFr *vis*, a face] 1 a part of a helmet that protects the face, often one that can be raised and lowered 2 a projecting brim, as of a cap, for shading the eyes

**vis·ta** (vis'tə) *n.* [< L *videre*, to see] 1 a view, esp. one seen through a long passage 2 a mental view of events

**vis·u·al** (vizh'oo əl) *adj.* [< L *videre*, to see] 1 of or used in seeing 2 based on the use of sight 3 that can be seen; visible

**vis'u·al·ize'** *vt.*, *vi.* -ized', -iz'ing to form a mental image of (something not present to the sight) —**vis'u·al·i·za'tion** *n.*

**vi·ta** (vīt'ə, vē't'ə) *n.* [< *curriculum vitae* < L, course of life] a summary of one's personal history and professional qualifications, as that submitted by a job applicant; résumé

**vi·tal** (vīt'l) *adj.* [< L *vita*, life] 1 of or concerned with life 2 essential to life [vital organs] 3 fatal [a *vital* wound] 4 *a*) essential; indispensable *b*) very important 5 full of life; energetic —*n.* [pl.] 1 the vital organs, as the heart, brain, etc. 2 any essential parts — **vi'tal·ly** *adv.*

**vi·tal·i·ty** (vī tal'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* -ties 1 power to live 2 power to endure 3 mental or physical vigor

**vi·tal·ize** (vīt'l īz') *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to make vital; give life or vigor to

**vital signs** the pulse, respiration, and body temperature

**vital statistics** data on births, deaths, marriages, etc.

**vi·ta·min** (vīt'ə min) *n.* [< L *vita*, life] any of certain complex substances found variously in foods and essential to good health

**vitamin A** a fat-soluble alcohol found in fish-liver oil, egg yolk, carrots, etc.: a deficiency of this results in imperfect vision in the dark

**vitamin B (complex)** a group of unre-



lated water-soluble substances including *a*) vitamin B<sub>1</sub> (see THIAMINE) *b*) vitamin B<sub>2</sub> (see RIBOFLAVIN) *c*) NICOTINIC ACID *d*) vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, a vitamin containing cobalt, used in treating anemia

**vitamin C** a compound occurring in citrus fruits, tomatoes, etc.: a deficiency of this results in scurvy

**vitamin D** any of several fat-soluble vitamins found in fish-liver oils, milk, etc.: a deficiency of this results in rickets

**vitamin E** a substance occurring in wheat germ, etc., vital to the reproductive processes in some animals

**vitamin K** a substance occurring in green vegetables, fish meal, etc., that clots blood

**vi-ti-ate** (vish'ē āt') *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*< L vitium, a vice*] 1 to spoil; corrupt; pervert 2 to invalidate (a contract, etc.) —**vi-ti-a'tion** *n.*

**vit-re-ous** (vi'trē əs) *adj.* [*< L vitrum, glass*] 1 of or like glass 2 derived from or made of glass

**vitreous humor** (or **body**) the transparent, jellylike substance filling the eyeball between the retina and the lens

**vit-ri-fy** (vi'trə fī') *vt., vi.* -fied', -fy'ing [*< L vitrum, glass + Fr -fier, -FY*] to change into glass or a glasslike substance by heat

**vit-rine** (vi trēn', vi'trēn') *n.* [see VITREOUS] a glass-paneled cabinet or display case

**vit-ri-ol** (vi'trē ōl') *n.* [*< L vitreus, glassy*] 1 *a*) any of several sulfates of metals, as of copper (*blue vitriol*) or iron (*green vitriol*) *b*) SULFURIC ACID 2 caustic remarks —**vit-ri-ol'ic** (-āl'ik) *adj.*

**vi-tu-per-ate** (vī tōō'pər āt', vi-) *vt.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*< L vitium, a fault, + parare, prepare*] to speak abusively to or about —**vi-tu-per-a'tion** *n.* —**vi-tu-per-a'tive** *adj.*

**vi-va** (vē'vā) *v. impersonal* [It & Sp] long live (someone specified)!

**vi-va-ce** (vē vā'chā) *adj., adv.* [It] *Music* in a lively, spirited manner: also written *vivace*

**vi-va-cious** (vī vā'shəs, vi-) *adj.* [*< L vivere, to live*] full of animation; lively —**vi-va'cious-ly** *adv.* —**vi-vac'i-ty** (-vas'ə tē) or **vi-va'cious-ness** *n.*

**vive** (vēv) *v. impersonal* [Fr] long live (someone specified)!

**viv-id** (viv'id) *adj.* [*< L vivere, to live*] 1 full of life 2 intense: said as of colors 3 active; daring [a *vivid* imagination] —**viv'id-ly** *adv.* —**viv'id-ness** *n.*

**viv-i-fy** (viv'ə fī') *vt.* -fied', -fy'ing [*< L vivus, alive + facere, make*] to give life to

**vi-vip-a-rous** (vī vip'ər əs) *adj.* [*< L vivus, alive + parere, produce*] bearing living young, instead of laying eggs

**viv-i-sec-tion** (viv'ə sek'shən) *n.* [*< L vivus, alive + SECTION*] surgery performed on a living animal in medical research —**viv'i-sec'tion-ist** *n.*

**vix-en** (vik'sən) *n.* [OE *fyxe*, female fox]

1 a female fox 2 a shrewish or malicious woman

**Vi-yel-la** (vī yəl'ə) [arbitrary coinage] *trademark* for a fabric like flannel, a blend of lamb's wool and cotton

**viz.** or **viz** *abbrev.* [*< L videlicet*] that is, namely

**vi-zier** (vi zir', viz'yər) *n.* [*< Ar wazara, bear a burden*] a high government official in the Turkish empire (c. 1300-1918): also sp. **vi-zir'**

**viz-or** (vī'zər) *n. alt. sp. of* VISOR

**VLF** or **vlf** *abbrev.* very low frequency

**vo-cab-u-lar-y** (vō kab'yə ler'ē) *n., pl. -ies* [ult. *< L vocare, to call*] 1 a list of words, etc. as in a dictionary or glossary 2 all the words used in a language or by a person, group, etc.

**vo-cal** (vō'kəl) *adj.* [*< L vox, voice*] 1 of or produced by the voice 2 sung 3 capable of making oral sounds 4 speaking freely —**vo-cal-ly** *adv.*

**vocal cords** membranous folds in the larynx that vibrate to produce voice sounds

**vo-cal-ic** (vō kal'ik) *adj.* of, like, or involving a vowel or vowels

**vo-cal-ist** (vō'kəl ist) *n.* a singer

**vo'cal-ize'** *vt., vi.* -ized', -iz'ing to speak or sing

**vo-ca-tion** (vō kā'shən) *n.* [*< L vocare, to call*] 1 the career to which one feels one is called 2 any trade or occupation

**vo-ca'tion-al** *adj.* 1 of a vocation 2 designating or of training, etc. for an occupation or trade

**voc-a-tive** (vāk'ə tiv) *n.* [see VOCATION] *Gram.* a case indicating the person or thing addressed

**vo-cif-er-ate** (vō sif'ər āt') *vt., vi.* -at'ed, -at'ing [*< L vox, voice + ferre, to bear*] to shout loudly; clamor —**vo-cif-er-a'tion** *n.*

**vo-cif-er-ous** (vō sif'ər əs) *adj.* noisy clamorous

**vod-ka** (väd'kə) *n.* [Russ *< voda, water*] a colorless alcoholic liquor distilled from rye, wheat, etc.

**vo-ed** (vō'ed') *adj., n.* [Inf.] (of) vocational education

**vogue** (vōg) *n.* [Fr] 1 the current fashion 2 popularity —*adj.* in vogue: also **vogu-ish** (vō'gish)

**voice** (vois) *n.* [*< L vox*] 1 sound made through the mouth, esp. by human beings 2 the ability to make such sounds 3 anything regarded as like vocal utterance 4 an expressed wish, opinion, etc. 5 the right to express one's wish, etc.; vote 6 utterance or expression 7 a verb form showing the relation of the subject to the action: see ACTIVE (*adj.* 4), PASSIVE (*adj.* 3) 8 singing ability —*vt.* **voiced**, **voic'ing** to give utterance or expression to —*with one* **voice** unanimously —**voice'less** *adj.*

**voice box** LARYNX

**voice mail** 1 an electronic system whereby voice messages can be recorded, stored, and then delivered 2 such messages

**voice'-o-ver** *n.* the voice of an unseen announcer or narrator, as on TV

**void** (void) *adj.* [*< L vacare, be empty*] 1



containing nothing 2 devoid (of) [*void* of common sense] 3 ineffective; useless 4 of no legal force —*n.* 1 an empty space 2 a feeling of emptiness —*vt.* 1 to empty 2 to make void; annul —*void'a-ble adj.*

**voi-là** (vwà là') *interj.* [Fr] behold; there it is

**voile** (voil) *n.* [Fr, a veil] a thin fabric, as of cotton

**vol** *abbrev.* volume

**vol-a-tile** (väl'ə təl) *adj.* [< L *volare*, to fly] 1 evaporating quickly 2 *a*) unstable; explosive *b*) fickle —**vol'a-til'i-ty** (-til'ə tē) *n.* —**vol'a-til-ize'** (-iz'), -ized', -izing, *vt., vi.*

**vol-can-ic** (väl kan'ik, vōl-) *adj.* 1 of or caused by a volcano 2 like a volcano; violently explosive

**vol-ca-no** (väl kā'nō, vōl-) *n., pl. -noes or -nos* [< L *Volcanus*, *Vulcan*] 1 a vent in the earth's crust through which molten rock, ashes, etc. are ejected 2 a cone-shaped mountain of this material built up around the vent

**vole** (vōl) *n.* [< earlier *vole* mouse < Scand, as in ON *vollr*, meadow] any of various small rodents with a stout body and short tail

**Vol-ga** (väl'gə, vōl'-) river in European Russia, flowing into the Caspian Sea

**vo-li-tion** (vō lish'an) *n.* [ult. < L *velle*, be willing] the act or power of using the will —**vo-li'tion-al adj.**

**vol-ley** (väl'ē) *n., pl. -leys* [< L *volare*, to fly] 1 *a*) the simultaneous discharge of a number of weapons *b*) the bullets, etc., so discharged 2 a burst of words or acts 3 *Sports a*) a returning of a ball, etc. before it touches the ground *b*) an extended exchange of shots, as in tennis —*vt., vi. -leyed, -ley-ing* 1 to discharge or be discharged as in a volley 2 *Sports* to return (the ball, etc.) as a volley

**vol'ley-ball'** *n.* 1 a team game played by hitting a large, light, inflated ball back and forth over a net with the hands 2 this ball

**volt** (vōlt) *n.* [after A. *Volta* (1745-1827), It physicist] the basic unit of electromotive force

**volt-age** (vōl'tij) *n.* electromotive force expressed in volts

**vol-ta-ic** (väl tā'ik) *adj.* of or by electricity produced by chemical action

**Vol-taire** (vōl ter') 1694-1778; Fr. writer & philosopher

**volt-me'ter** *n.* an instrument for measuring voltage

**vol-u-ble** (väl'yə bəl) *adj.* [< L *volvere*, to roll] characterized by a great flow of words; talkative —**vol'u-bil'i-ty** *n.* —**vol'u-bly adv.**

**vol-ume** (väl'yōm) *n.* [< L *volumen*, a scroll] 1 *a*) a book *b*) one of a set of books 2 the amount of space occupied in three dimensions 3 *a*) a quantity, bulk, or amount *b*) a large quantity 4 the loudness of sound

**vo-lu-mi-nous** (və lōm'ə nəs) *adj.* 1 producing or consisting of enough to fill volumes 2 large; bulky; full —**vo-lu'mi-nous-ly adv.**

**vol-un-ta-rism** (väl'an tar iz'em) *n.* (system of) voluntary participation in a course of action

**vol'un-tar'y** (-ter'ē) *adj.* [< L *voluntas*, free will] 1 brought about by one's own free choice 2 acting of one's own accord 3 intentional 4 controlled by one's mind or will —**vol'un-tari-ly adv.**

**vol-un-teer** (väl'an tir') *n.* one who chooses freely to do something, as entering military service —*adj.* 1 serving as a volunteer 2 of a volunteer or volunteers —*vt.* to offer or give of one's own free will —*vi.* to offer to enter into any service of one's own free will

**vo-lup-tu-ar-y** (və lup'chō er'ē) *n., pl. -aries* [< L *voluptas*, pleasure] one devoted to sensual pleasures

**vo-lup'tu-ous** (-chō əs) *adj.* full of, producing, or fond of sensual pleasures —**vo-lup'tu-ous-ness** *n.*

**vo-lute** (və'lōt') *n.* [< L *volvere*, to roll] a spiral or whorl

**vom-it** (vām'it) *n.* [< L *vomere*, to vomit] matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth —*vt., vi.* 1 to eject (the contents of the stomach) through the mouth; throw up 2 to discharge or be discharged with force —**vom'i-tous** (-ə tās) *adj.*

**voo-doo** (vōō'dōō') *n., pl. -doos'* [of WAfr orig.] a religion of the West Indies, based on a belief in magic, charms, etc. —*adj.* of or resembling voodoo

**vo-ra-cious** (vô rā'shəs) *adj.* [< L *vorare*, devour] 1 greedy in eating; ravenous 2 very eager [a voracious reader] —**vo-rac'i-ty** (-ras'ə tē) *n.*

**vor-tex** (vôr'teks') *n., pl. -tex'es or -tices'* (-tə sēz') [< L *vertere*, to turn] 1 a whirlpool 2 a whirlwind 3 anything like a whirlwind, etc. in effect

**vo-ta-ry** (vôt'ə rē) *n., pl. -ries* [< L *vovere*, to vow] 1 one bound by a vow, esp. by religious vows, as a monk or nun 2 one devoted to a cause, study, etc.

**vote** (vôt) *n.* [< L *votum*, a vow] 1 a decision on a proposal, etc., or a choice between candidates for office 2 *a*) the expression of such a decision or choice *b*) the ballot, etc. by which it is expressed 3 the right to vote 4 votes collectively —*vi.* **vot'ed, vot'ing** to give or cast a vote —*vt.* to decide or enact by vote —**vot'er** *n.*

**vo-tive** (vôt'iv) *adj.* [see prec.] designed to fulfill a promise, express devotion, etc.

**vouch** (vouch) *vi.* [< L *vocare*, to call] to give, or serve as, assurance, a guarantee, etc. (*for*) [to *vouch* for someone's honesty]

**vouch'er** *n.* 1 one who vouches 2 a paper serving as evidence or proof; specif., a receipt

**vouch-safe** (vouch sâf') *vt. -safed', -saf'ing* [< ME *vouchen* safe, vouch as safe] to be kind enough to give or grant

**vow** (vou) *n.* [< L *votum*] 1 a solemn promise, esp. one made to God 2 a promise of love and fidelity [marriage



*vows*] —**vt.** to promise or declare solemnly —**vi.** to make a vow —**take vows** to enter a religious order

**vow·el** (vou'əl) *n.* [**<** *L* *vocalis*, *vocal*] 1 a speech sound in which the air passes in a continuous stream through the open mouth 2 a letter representing such a sound, as *a*, *e*, *i*, *o*, or *u*

**voy·age** (voi'ij) *n.* [**<** *L* *via*, *way*] a relatively long journey by ship or spacecraft —**vi.** -aged, -ag-ing to make a voyage —**voy'ag·er** *n.*

**voy·eur** (voi ur', vwä yar') *n.* [**<** *L* *videre*, *see*] one who has an exaggerated interest in viewing sexual objects or activities —**voy·eur'ism'** *n.* —**voy'eur-is'tic** *adj.*

**VP** *abbrev.* Vice-President

**vs.** or **VS** *abbrev.* versus

**vt** *abbrev.* transitive verb

**VT** Vermont

**Vul·can** (vul'kən) *n.* the Roman god of fire and of metalworking

**vul·can·ize** (vul'kən iz') **vt.** -ized', -iz'ing to treat (crude rubber) with sulfur under heat to make it stronger and more elastic —**vul'can-i·za'tion** *n.*

**Vulg** *abbrev.* Vulgate

**vul·gar** (vul'gər) *adj.* [**<** *L* *vulgus*, common people] 1 of people in general; popular 2 vernacular 3 lacking culture, taste, etc.; crude; boorish 4 indecent or obscene —**vul'gar·ly** *adv.*

**vul·gar'i·an** (-ger'ē ən) *n.* a rich person with coarse, showy tastes

**vul'gar·ism'** (-gər iz'am) *n.* 1 a word, phrase, etc. used widely but regarded as nonstandard, coarse, or obscene 2 vulgarity

**vul·gar'i·ty** (-ger'ə tē) *n.* 1 a being vulgar 2 *pl.* -ties a vulgar act, habit, usage in speech, etc.

**vul'gar·ize'** (-gər iz') **vt.** -ized', -iz'ing 1 to popularize 2 to make vulgar, coarse, obscene, etc. —**vul'gar-i·za'tion** *n.*

**Vulgar Latin** the everyday Latin spoken by ancient Romans as distinguished from standard written Latin

**Vul·gate** (vul'gāt') *n.* [**<** *ML* *vulgata* (*editio*), popular (edition)] a Latin version of the Bible, used in the Roman Catholic Church

**vul·ner·a·ble** (vul'nər ə bəl) *adj.* [**<** *L* *vulnus*, a wound] 1 that can be wounded or injured 2 open to, or easily hurt by, criticism or attack 3 affected by a specified influence, temptation, etc. —**vul'ner·a·bil'i·ty** *n.* —**vul'ner·a·bly** *adv.*

**vul·pine** (vul'pīn) *adj.* [**<** *L* *vulpēs*, a fox] of or like a fox; cunning

**vul·ture** (vul'chər) *n.* [**<** *L*, akin to *vel-lere*, to tear] 1 a large bird that lives chiefly on carrion 2 a greedy, ruthless person

**vul·va** (vul'və) *n.*, *pl.* -vae (-vē) or -vas [**<** *L*, womb] the external genital organs of the female

**vy·ing** (vī'ing) *adj.* that vies; competing

## W

**w<sup>1</sup>** or **W** (dub'əl yōō') *n.*, *pl.* **w's**, **W's** the 23d letter of the English alphabet

**w<sup>2</sup>** *abbrev.* 1 waist 2 watt(s) 3 week(s) 4 weight 5 west(ern) 6 wide 7 width 8 wife 9 with 10 win(s)

**W<sup>1</sup>** *abbrev.* 1 watt(s) 2 Wednesday 3 west(ern) 4 win(s)

**W<sup>2</sup>** [*w*(*olfram*), alt. name of tungsten] *Chem. symbol for tungsten*

**WA** Washington (state)

**Wac** (wak) *n.* a member of the Women's Army Corps (WAC)

**wack·o** (wak'ō) [*Slang*] *adj.* *var.* of **WACKY** —*n.*, *pl.* -os one who is wacko

**wack·y** (wak'ē) *adj.* -i·er, -i·est [**<** ?] [*Slang*] erratic, eccentric, or irrational —**wack'i·ness** *n.*

**wad** (wäd) *n.* [**<** *ML* *wadda*, *wadding*] 1 a small, soft mass, as of cotton or paper 2 a lump or small, firm mass —**vt.** **wad'ded**, **wad'ding** 1 to compress, or roll up, into a wad 2 to plug or stuff with a wad or wadding

**wad'ding** *n.* any soft material for use in padding, packing, etc.

**wad·dle** (wäd'əl) *vi.* -dled, -dling [**<** *fol.*] to walk with short steps, swaying from side to side, as a duck does —*n.* a waddling gait

**wade** (wäd) *vi.* **wad'ed**, **wad'ing** [**<** *OE* *waden*, *go*] 1 to walk through any

resisting substance, as water, mud, etc. 2 to proceed with difficulty [*to wade through a dull book*] 3 [*Inf.*] to attack with vigor: with *in* or *into* —**vt.** to cross by wading

**wad'er** *n.* 1 one that wades 2 [*pl.*] *a*) high waterproof boots *b*) waterproof overalls with bootlike parts for the feet

**wa·di** (wä'dē) *n.*, *pl.* -dis or -dies [*Ar* *wādī*] in Arabia, N Africa, etc., a ravine or watercourse that is usually dry

**wading bird** any long-legged bird that wades the shallows and marshes for food

**wa·fer** (wä'fər) *n.* [**<** *MDu* *wafel*] 1 a thin, flat, crisp cracker or cookie 2 any disklike thing resembling this

**waf·fle<sup>1</sup>** (wä'fəl) *n.* [*see prec.*] a crisp batter cake baked in a waffle iron

**waf·fle<sup>2</sup>** (wä'fəl) *vi.* -fled, -fling [**<** echoic *waff*, to yelp] to speak or write in a wordy or vague way

**waffle iron** a utensil with two flat, studded plates pressed together to bake a waffle

**waft** (wäft, waft) **vt.**, **vi.** [**<** *Du* *wachter*, *watcher*] to carry (sounds, odors, etc.) lightly through the air or over water or to move in this way —*n.* 1 an odor, sound, etc. carried through the air 2 a gust of wind 3 a wafting movement



**wag**<sup>1</sup> (wag) *vt., vi.* wagged, wag'ging [*ME wagen*] to move rapidly back and forth, up and down, etc. —*n.* a wagging  
**wag**<sup>2</sup> (wag) *n.* [prob. < obs. *waghalter*, joker] a comical person; wit —**wag'ger**, *pl. -ies, n.*

**wage** (wāj) *vt.* waged, wag'ing [< *OFr gage*, a pledge] to engage in or carry on (a war, etc.) —*n.* 1 [often *pl.*] money paid for work done 2 [usually *pl.*] what is given in return

**wa-ger** (wā'jər) *n.* [see *prec.*] a bet —*vt., vi.* to bet

**wag-gish** (wag'ish) *adj.* 1 of or like a wag; roguishly merry 2 playful; jesting

**wag-gle** (wag'əl) *vt., vi.* -gled, -gling [< *WAG*<sup>1</sup>] to wag, esp. with short, quick movements —*n.* a wagging —**wag'gly** *adj.*

**Wag-ner** (væg'nər), Rich-ard (riH'ärt) 1813-83; Ger. composer

**wag-on** (wag'ən) *n.* [*Du wagen*] 1 a four-wheeled vehicle, esp. one for hauling heavy loads 2 *short for* STATION WAGON —on (or off) the wagon [*Slang*] no longer (or once again) drinking alcohol

**waif** (wāf) *n.* [< *NormFr*] a homeless person, esp. a child

**wail** (wāl) *vi.* [< *ON væ*, woe] to make a long, loud, sad cry, as in grief or pain —*n.* such a cry

**wain** (wān) *n.* [*OE wægn*] [*Old Poet.*] a wagon

**wain-scot** (wān'skāt', -skət) *n.* [< *MDu wagenscot*] a wood paneling on the walls of a room, sometimes on the lower part only —*vt.* -scoted or -scot'ted, -scoting or -scotting to line (a wall) with wood, etc.

**wain'scotting** or **wain'scot'ting** *n.* 1 WAINSCOT 2 material used to wainscot

**wain-wright** (wān'rit') *n.* [*WAIN* + *WRIGHT*] one who builds or repairs wagons

**waist** (wāst) *n.* [< *OE weaxan*, grow] 1 the part of the body between the ribs and the hips 2 the part of a garment that covers the body from the shoulders to the waistline 3 the narrow part of any object that is wider at the ends

**waist'band** *n.* a band encircling the waist, as on slacks or a skirt

**waist-coat** (wes'kət, wāst'kōt') *n.* [*Brit.*] a man's vest

**waist'line** *n.* (the circumference of) the narrowest part of the waist

**wait** (wāt) *vi.* [< *NormFr waitier*] 1 to remain (until something expected happens) 2 to be ready 3 to remain undone [it can wait] 4 to serve food at a meal: with *at* or *on* —*vt.* 1 to await 2 [*Inf.*] to delay serving (a meal) —*n.* an act or period of waiting —lie in wait (for) to wait so as to catch after planning a trap (for) —wait on (or upon) 1 to act as a servant to 2 to serve (a customer) —wait table to serve food to people at a table —wait up to delay going to bed until someone arrives, etc.

**wait'er** *n.* one who waits; esp., a man who waits on tables, as in a restaurant

**wait'ing** *adj.* 1 that waits 2 of or for a wait —*n.* the act of one that waits —in

waiting in attendance, as on a king

**waiting game** a scheme by which one wins out over another by delaying action until one has an advantage

**waiting list** a list of applicants, in the order of their application

**waiting room** a room in which people wait, as in a bus station or doctor's office

**wait'person** *n.* a waiter or waitress

**wait-ress** (wā'tris) *n.* a woman who waits on tables, as in a restaurant

**waive** (wāv) *vt.* waived, waiv'ing [< *ON veifa*, fluctuate] 1 to give up or forgo (a right, etc.) 2 to postpone; defer

**waiv'er** (wā'vər) *n.* *Law* a waiving of a right, claim, etc.

**wake**<sup>1</sup> (wāk) *vi.* woke or waked, waked or wok'en, wak'ing [< *OE wacian*, be awake & *wacan*, arise] 1 to come out of sleep; awake: often with *up* 2 to stay awake 3 to become active: often with *up* 4 to become alert (to a realization, etc.) —*vt.* 1 to cause to wake: often with *up* 2 to arouse (passions, etc.) —*n.* a time set aside for viewing a corpse before burial

**wake**<sup>2</sup> (wāk) *n.* [< *ON vök*, hole] 1 the track left in water by a moving ship 2 the track or course of anything —in the wake of following closely

**wake'ful** *adj.* 1 alert; watchful 2 unable to sleep —**wake'ful-ness** *n.*

**wak-en** (wā'kən) *vi., vt.* to awake

**Wal-dorf salad** (wōl'dōrf') [after the old Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City] a salad made of diced raw apples, celery, and walnuts, with mayonnaise

**wale** (wāl) *n.* [*OE walu*, weal] 1 a welt raised by a whip, etc. 2 a ridge on the surface of cloth, as corduroy

**Wales** (wālz) division of the United Kingdom: a peninsula of WC Great Britain: 8,018 sq. mi.; pop. 2,812,000

**walk** (wōk) *vi.* [*OE wealcan*, to roll] 1 to go on foot at a moderate pace 2 to follow a certain course [*walk* in the ways of peace] 3 *Baseball* to go to first base after the pitching of four balls (see *BALL*<sup>1</sup>, *n.* 6) —*vt.* 1 to go over, along, etc. on foot 2 to cause (a dog, etc.) to walk, as for exercise 3 to accompany on a walk or stroll [to walk a friend home] 4 *Baseball* to advance (a batter) to first base by pitching four balls (see *BALL*<sup>1</sup>, *n.* 6) —*n.* 1 the act of walking 2 a stroll or hike 3 a distance walked [an hour's walk] 4 a sphere of activity, occupation, etc. [people from all walks of life] 5 a path for walking 6 *Baseball* the walking of a batter —**walk** (all) over [*Inf.*] to domineer over —**walk away** (or off) with 1 to steal 2 to win easily —**walk out** to go on strike —**walk out on** [*Inf.*] to desert; abandon

**walk'a-way** *n.* an easily won victory

**walk'er** *n.* 1 one that walks 2 a tubular frame with wheels used by babies who are learning to walk 3 a framework used as a support in walking, as by the lame

**walk-ie-talk-ie** (wōk'ē tōk'ē) *n.* a compact, portable radio transmitter and



receiver

**walking stick** a stick for carrying when walking; cane**Walk-man** (wôk'mən, -man') *trademark* for a portable, pocket-size radio or tape player with headphones**walk'-on'** *n.* a minor role in which the actor has few or no lines**walk'-out'** *n.* a labor strike**walk'-up'** *n.* 1 an upstairs apartment or office in a building without an elevator 2 the building**walk'way'** *n.* a path, passage, etc. for pedestrians, esp. one that is sheltered**wall** (wôl) *n.* [*< L vallus, palisade*] 1 an upright structure of wood, stone, etc., serving to enclose, divide, or protect 2 something like a wall in appearance or function —*vt.* 1 to enclose, divide, etc. with or as with a wall 2 to close up (an opening) with a wall: usually with *up* — **drive (or push) to the wall** to place in a desperate position — **off the wall** [Slang] 1 insane; crazy 2 very eccentric**wal-la-by** (wä'lə bē) *n., pl. -bies* [*< Australian native name wolabā*] a marsupial of Australia, etc., like a small kangaroo**wall-board** (wôl'bôrd') *n.* fibrous material in thin slabs for making or covering walls and ceilings**wall'cov'er-ing** *n.* decorative fabric or material, as wallpaper, for covering the walls of a room**wal-let** (wô'lit) *n.* [ME *walet*] a flat case or folder, as of leather, for carrying money, cards, etc.**wall'eye'** *n.* [*< ON vagl, a beam + eygr, eye*] 1 an eye that turns outward, showing much white 2 a fish with large, glossy eyes, esp. a North American freshwater perch: in full **wall'eyed' pike****wall'flow'er** *n.* [Inf.] a person who merely looks on at a dance, etc. as from shyness**Wal-loon** (wä lōon') *n.* [*< OHG walh, foreigner*] 1 a member of a chiefly Celtic people in S Belgium 2 the French dialect of this people**wal-lop** (wä'ləp) [Inf.] *vt.* [*< OFr galoper, to gallop*] 1 to beat or defeat soundly 2 to strike hard —*n.* 1 a hard blow 2 a thrill**wal-low** (wä'lō) *vi.* [OE *wealwian, roll around*] 1 to roll about, as in mud 2 to indulge oneself fully (in a specified thing) —*n.* 1 a wallowing 2 a muddy or dusty place**wall'pa'per** *n.* decorative paper for covering the walls of a room —*vt.* to hang wallpaper on or in**Wall Street** 1 street in New York City; financial center of the U.S. 2 U.S. financiers and their power, policies, etc. 3 the U.S. securities market**wall'-to-wall'** *adj.* 1 covering a floor completely 2 [Inf.] a) pervasive b) comprehensive**wal-nut** (wôl'nut') *n.* [*< OE wealh, foreign + hnutu, nut*] 1 a shade tree val-

ued for its nuts and wood 2 its edible nut 3 its wood



WALRUS

**wal-rus** (wôl'rəs) *n.* [*< Dan hvalros*] a massive arctic sea mammal somewhat like a seal, having two tusks projecting from the upper jaw**waltz** (wôlts) *n.* [*< Ger walzen, dance about*] 1 a ballroom dance for couples, in 3/4 time 2 music for this —*vi.* 1 to dance a waltz 2 to move lightly**wam-pum** (wäm'pəm) *n.* [*< AmInd*] small beads made of shells and used by North American Indians as money, for ornament, etc.**wan** (wän) *adj.* **wan'ner**, **wan'nest** [OE *wann, dark*] 1 sickly pale 2 feeble or weak [*a wan smile*]**wand** (wänd) *n.* [*< ON vandr*] 1 a staff symbolizing authority 2 a rod regarded as having magical powers 3 any of various rod-shaped devices, as one for reading bar codes**wan-der** (wän'dər) *vi.* [OE *wandrian*] 1 to roam aimlessly; ramble 2 to stray (from a path, etc.) 3 to go astray in mind or purpose 4 to meander, as a river —*vt.* to roam in or over — **wan'der-er** *n.***wan'der-lust'** *n.* [Ger] an urge to wander or travel**wane** (wän) *vi.* **waned**, **wan'ing** [OE *wanian, to decrease*] 1 to grow gradually less in extent: said of the visible face of the moon 2 to grow dim 3 to decline in power, etc. 4 to approach the end —*n.* a waning**wan-gle** (wan'gəl) [Inf.] *vt., vi.* **-gled, -gling** [*< ? WAGGLE*] to get or cause (something) by persuasion, tricks, etc.**wan-na-be** (wä'nə bē') *n.* [Slang] one who wants to be like someone else or attain some status: also **wan'na-be'****want** (wänt, wönt) *vt.* [*< ON vanta*] 1 to lack 2 to wish for; desire 3 to wish to see or apprehend [*wanted* by the police] 4 [Chiefly Brit.] to require —*vi.* to have a need or lack: usually with *for* —*n.* 1 a shortage; lack 2 poverty 3 a craving 4 something needed**want ad** [Inf.] an advertisement for something wanted, as a job**want'ing** *adj.* 1 lacking 2 not up to standard —*prep.* without or minus — **wanting** in deficient in**wan-ton** (wänt'n) *adj.* [*< OE wan, lacking + teon, educate*] 1 sexually unrestrained 2 [Old Poet.] playful 3 unprovoked or malicious 4 recklessly ignoring justice, decency, etc. —*n.* a wanton person; esp., a sexually unrestrained woman



**wap-i-ti** (wä'pə tē) *n.* [**< AmInd**] a large North American deer with widely branching antlers; elk

**war** (wôr) *n.* [**< NormFr** *werre*] 1 open armed conflict as between nations 2 any active hostility or struggle 3 military operations as a science —*adj.* of, in, or from war —*vi.* **warred**, **war'ring** 1 to carry on war 2 to contend; strive —**at war** in a state of active armed conflict

**war·ble** (wôr'bəl) *vt., vi.* -bled, -bling [**< NormFr** *werbler*] to sing (a song, etc.) melodiously, with trills, quavers, etc., as a bird does —*n.* a warbling

**war·bler** (wôr'blər) *n.* 1 one that warbles 2 a small, often brightly colored songbird

**war crime** a violation of laws or norms of humane behavior, committed during war

**ward** (wôrd) *vt.* [**OE** *weardian*, to guard] to turn aside; fend (off) —*n.* 1 a being under guard 2 one under the care of a guardian or court 3 a division of a jail, hospital, etc. 4 a division of a city or town, for purposes of voting, etc.

**-ward** (wərd) [**OE** *-weard*] *suffix* in a (specified) direction [*inward*]: also **-wards** (wərdz)

**war·den** (wôrd'n) *n.* [**< NormFr** *wardein*] 1 one who guards, or has charge of, something [*game warden*] 2 the chief official of a prison

**ward'er** *n.* a watchman

**ward heeler** a follower of a politician, who solicits votes, etc.: often used with mild contempt

**ward·robe** (wôr'drôb') *n.* 1 a closet, cabinet, etc. for holding clothes 2 one's supply of clothes

**ward'room'** *n.* in a warship, a room used for eating, etc. by commissioned officers

**ware** (wer) *n.* [**OE** *waru*] 1 anything for sale: *usually used in pl.* 2 pottery

**ware'house'** *n.* a building where goods are stored —*vt.* -housed', -housing to store in a warehouse

**war·fare** (wôr'fer') *n.* (armed) conflict

**war'head'** *n.* the front part of a torpedo, etc., containing the explosive

**war'horse'** *n.* [**Inf.**] one who has been through many struggles; veteran

**war-i-ly** (wer'a lē) *adv.* cautiously — **war'i-ness** (-ē nis) *n.*

**war'like'** *adj.* 1 fond of or ready for war 2 of war 3 threatening war

**war·lock** (wôr'lāk') *n.* [**OE** *wærloga*, liar] a man who practices black magic

**war'lord'** *n.* 1 a high military officer in a warlike nation 2 a local ruler or bandit leader

**warm** (wôrm) *adj.* [**OE** *wearm*] 1 *a)* having or giving off a moderate degree of heat *b)* hot [*a warm night*] 2 that keeps body heat in [*a warm hat*] 3 ardent; enthusiastic 4 lively, vigorous, etc. 5 quick to anger 6 *a)* genial; cordial [*a warm welcome*] *b)* sympathetic or loving 7 newly made; fresh, as a trail 8 [**Inf.**] close to discovering something —*vt., vi.* to make or become warm —**warm up** to practice or exercise, as

before going into a game, contest, etc. —**warm'er** *n.* —**warm'ish** *adj.* — **warm'ly** *adv.*

**warm'blood'ed** *adj.* having a body temperature that is relatively constant and usually higher than that of the surroundings

**warmed'-o'ver** *adj.* 1 reheated 2 presented again, without significant change, as ideas

**warm front** the forward edge of a warm air mass advancing into a colder mass

**warm'heart'ed** *adj.* kind, sympathetic, friendly, loving, etc.

**war'mon'ger** (-mun'gər, -män'-) *n.* one who tries to cause war —**war'mon'ger-ing** *adj., n.*

**warmth** (wôrmth) *n.* 1 *a)* the state of having heat *b)* mild heat 2 *a)* enthusiasm, ardor, etc. *b)* affectionate feelings

**warm'-up'** *n.* the act of warming up

**warn** (wôrn) *vt., vi.* [**OE** *wearnian*] 1 to tell of a danger, coming evil, etc. 2 to caution about certain acts 3 to notify in advance; inform

**warn'ing** *n.* 1 the act of one that warns 2 something that serves to warn —*adj.* that warns

**warp** (wôrp) *n.* [**OE** *weorpan*, to throw] 1 *a)* a distortion, as a twist or bend, in wood *b)* any similar distortion 2 a mental quirk, bias, etc. 3 *Weaving* the threads running lengthwise in the loom —*vt.* 1 to bend or twist out of shape 2 to distort, pervert, etc.: said of the mind, character, etc. —*vi.* to become bent or twisted

**war'path'** *n.* the path taken by American Indians on a warlike expedition — **on the warpath** 1 ready for war 2 actively angry; ready to fight

**warp speed** [**< (TIME) WARP + SPEED**] [**Slang**] in science fiction, a very high rate of speed

**war·rant** (wôr'ənt, wär'-) *n.* [**< NormFr** *warant*] 1 *a)* authorization, as by law *b)* justification for some act, belief, etc. 2 something serving as a guarantee of some event or result 3 *Law* a writ authorizing an arrest, search, etc. —*vt.* 1 to authorize 2 to serve as justification for (an act, belief, etc.) 3 to guarantee

**warrant officer** a military officer ranking above a noncommissioned officer but below a commissioned officer

**war·ran·ty** (wôr'ən tē, wär'-) *n., pl.* -ties an assurance by a seller that goods will be repaired or replaced if not as represented; guarantee

**war·ren** (wôr'ən, wär'-) *n.* [**< NormFr** *warir*, to preserve] 1 an area in which rabbits breed or are numerous 2 any crowded building or buildings

**war·rior** (wôr'yər, -ē ər) *n.* [**see WAR**] a person experienced in conflict, esp. war; soldier

**War·saw** (wôr'sô') capital of Poland: pop. 1,651,000

**war'ship'** *n.* any combat ship, as a battleship



**wart** (wôrt) *n.* [OE *wearte*] 1 a small, usually hard, tumorous growth on the skin, caused by a virus 2 a small protuberance, as on a plant —**wart'y**, **-i-er**, **-i-est**, *adj.*

**wart hog** a wild African hog with large tusks, and warts below the eyes

**war-y** (wer'ē) *adj.* **-i-er**, **-i-est** [OE *wær*, aware] on one's guard; cautious —**wary** of careful of

**was** (wuz, wäz) *vi.* [OE *wæs*] 1st & 3d pers. sing., pt., of BE

**wash** (wôsh, wäsh) *vt.* [OE *wæscan*] 1 to clean with water or other liquid 2 to purify 3 to wet or moisten 4 to flow over, past, or against: said of a sea, waves, etc. 5 to soak (out), flush (off), or carry (away) with water 6 to erode; wear (out or away) by flowing over [the flood washed out the road] —*vi.* 1 to wash oneself 2 to wash clothes 3 to undergo washing 4 to be removed by washing: usually with *out* or *away* 5 to be worn or carried (out or away) by the action of water [the bridge had washed out] 6 [Inf.] to withstand examination [that excuse won't wash] —*n.* 1 a washing 2 a quantity of clothes, etc. washed, or to be washed 3 the rush or surge of water 4 the eddy of water or air caused by a propeller, etc. 5 silt, mud, etc. carried and dropped by running water 6 a liquid for cosmetic or medicinal use [mouthwash] 7 in the W U.S., the dry bed of a stream 8 [Inf.] a situation in which contrasted elements offset each other —*adj.* that can be washed without damage; washable —**wash down** to follow (food, etc.) with a drink —**wash'a-ble** *adj.*, *n.*

**wash'-and-wear'** *adj.* of fabrics that need little or no ironing after washing

**wash'board'** *n.* a ridged board for scrubbing dirt out of clothes

**wash'bowl'** *n.* a bowl, esp. a bathroom fixture, for use in washing one's hands, etc.: also **wash'ba'sin**

**wash'cloth'** *n.* a small cloth used in washing the body: also **wash'rag'**

**washed'-out'** *adj.* 1 faded 2 [Inf.] tired; spiritless; pale and wan

**washed'-up'** *adj.* 1 [Inf.] tired; exhausted 2 [Slang] finished; done for; having failed

**wash'er** *n.* 1 one who washes 2 a flat ring of metal, rubber, etc., used with a nut, faucet valve, bolt, etc. 3 a machine for washing

**wash'er-wom'an** *n.*, *pl.* **-wom'en** a woman whose work is washing clothes

**wash'ing** *n.* clothes, etc. to be washed

**washing machine** a clothes WASHER (*n.* 3)

**Wash-ing-ton**<sup>1</sup> (wôsh'in tən, wäsh'-), George 1732-99; 1st president of the U.S. (1789-97)

**Wash'ing-ton**<sup>2</sup> 1 NW coastal state of the U.S.: 66,582 sq. mi.; pop. 4,867,000; cap. Olympia: abbrev. WA 2 capital of the U.S., coextensive with the District of Columbia: pop. 607,000: also called Washington, DC —**Wash'ing-to'ni-an** (-tō'nēən) *adj.*, *n.*

**wash'out'** *n.* 1 the washing away of soil, etc. by water 2 [Slang] a failure

**wash'room'** *n.* 1 a room for washing 2 RESTROOM

**wash'stand'** *n.* a table or plumbing fixture with a washbowl, etc.

**wash'tub'** *n.* a tub, often with faucets and a drain, for washing clothes, etc.

**wash'y** *adj.* **-i-er**, **-i-est** feeble; insipid

**wasp** (wäsp, wôsp) *n.* [OE *wæsp*] a winged insect with a slender body and, in the females and workers, a painful sting

**WASP** or **Wasp** (wäsp, wôsp) *n.* a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant

**wasp'ish** *adj.* bad-tempered; snappish

**was-sail** (wäs'al, -äl') *n.* [ves heill, be hearty] 1 a toast formerly used to drink to the health of a person 2 the spiced ale, etc. with which such toasts were drunk 3 a drinking party —*vi.*, *vt.* to drink a wassail (to)

**wast-age** (wäs'tij) *n.* 1 loss by use, decay, etc. 2 anything wasted

**waste** (wäst) *vt.* **wast'ed**, **wast'ing** [vastare] 1 to devastate; ruin 2 to wear away 3 to make weak or emaciated [wasted by age] 4 to use up needlessly; squander 5 to fail to take advantage of 6 [Slang] to kill —*vi.* 1 to lose strength, etc., as by disease 2 to be used up or worn down gradually —*adj.* 1 uncultivated or uninhabited; desolate 2 left over or superfluous 3 excreted from the body 4 used for waste —*n.* 1 uncultivated or uninhabited land 2 a devastated area 3 a wasting or being wasted 4 discarded material, as ashes 5 excretions from the body, as urine —**go to waste** to be wasted —**lay waste** (to) to destroy —**wast'er** *n.*

**waste'bas'ket** *n.* a container for waste-paper, etc.: also **wastepaper basket**

**wast-ed** (wäs'təd) *adj.* [Slang] 1 intoxicated by a drug 2 drunk

**waste'ful** *adj.* using more than is necessary —**waste'ful-ly** *adv.* —**waste'ful-ness** *n.*

**waste'land'** *n.* 1 barren land 2 an unproductive activity, endeavor, etc.

**waste'pa'per** *n.* paper thrown away after use: also **waste paper**

**waste'wa'ter** *n.* water discharged as sewage

**wast-rel** (wäs'trəl) *n.* one who wastes; esp., a spendthrift

**watch** (wäch, wôch) *n.* [OE *wæcce*] 1 a keeping awake, esp. in order to guard 2 close observation for a time 3 a guard, or the period of duty of a guard 4 a small timepiece carried in the pocket or worn on the wrist 5 *a)* any of the periods of duty (usually four hours) on shipboard *b)* the crew on duty during such a period —*vi.* 1 to stay awake, esp. at night; keep vigil 2 to be on the alert 3 to look or observe 4 to be looking or waiting attentively: with *for* —*vt.* 1 to guard or tend 2 to observe carefully 3 to wait and look for —**watch oneself** to be careful —**watch out** to be alert or careful —**watch over** to protect from harm —**watch'er** *n.*

**watch'band'** *n.* a band of leather,



metal, etc. to hold a watch on the wrist  
**watch'dog' n.** 1 a dog kept to guard property 2 one that keeps watch in order to prevent waste, unethical practices, etc.

**watch'ful adj.** watching closely; vigilant; alert —**watch'ful-ly adv.** —**watch'ful-ness n.**

**watch'man (-mən) n., pl. -men (-mən)** a person hired to guard property

**watch'tow'er n.** a high tower from which watch is kept, as for forest fires

**watch'word' n.** 1 a password 2 a slogan or cry

**wa-ter (wōt'ər, wāt'-) n.** [OE *wæter*] 1 the colorless liquid of rivers, lakes, etc., which falls as rain 2 water with reference to its depth, surface, or level [above *water*] 3 a body secretion, as urine 4 a wavy, lustrous finish given to linen, silk, metal, etc. —**vt.** 1 to give (animals) water to drink 2 to supply (crops, etc.) with water 3 to moisten, soak, or dilute with water 4 to give a wavy luster to (silk, etc.) —**vi.** 1 to fill with tears: said of the eyes 2 to secrete saliva [his mouth *watered*] 3 to take on a supply of water 4 to drink water —**adj.** of, for, in, on, near, from, or by water —**hold water** to remain sound, logical, etc. —**water down** to weaken the intensity or effectiveness of

**water bed** a heavy vinyl bag filled with water and used as a bed or mattress: also **wa'ter-bed' n.**

**water buffalo** a slow, powerful buffalo of S Asia used as a draft animal

**water chestnut** 1 a Chinese sedge with a nutlike tuber 2 this tuber

**water closet** TOILET (*n.* 2)

**wa'ter-col'or n.** 1 a pigment mixed with water for use as a paint 2 a painting done with such paints 3 the art of painting with watercolors

**wa'ter-cooled' adj.** cooled by water circulated around or through it

**wa'ter-course' n.** 1 a stream, river, etc. 2 a channel for water, as a canal

**wa'ter-craft' n., pl. -craft'** a boat, ship, or other water vehicle

**wa'ter-cress' n.** a white-flowered water plant: its leaves are used in salads, etc.

**wa'ter-fall' n.** a steep fall of water, as of a stream, from a height

**wa'ter-fowl' n.** a water bird, esp. one that swims

**wa'ter-front' n.** land or docks at the edge of a stream, harbor, etc.

**water hole** a pond or pool



WATERLILY

**wa'ter-lil'y n., pl. -lil'ies** 1 a water

plant with large, flat, floating leaves and showy flowers 2 the flower

**wa'ter-line' n.** the line to which the surface of the water comes on the side of a ship or boat

**wa'ter-logged' (-lôgd') adj.** soaked or filled with water so as to be heavy and sluggish

**Wa-ter-loo<sup>1</sup> (wōt'ər lōō', wāt'-) n.** [after fol.] any disastrous or decisive defeat

**Wa'ter-loo<sup>2</sup>** town in central Belgium: scene of Napoleon's final defeat (1815)

**water main** a main pipe in a system of water pipes

**wa'ter-mark' n.** 1 a mark showing the limit to which water has risen 2 a mark in paper, produced by pressure of a design, as in the mold —**vt.** to mark (paper) with a watermark

**wa'ter-mel'on n.** a large, green melon with sweet, juicy, red pulp

**water moccasin** a large, poisonous water snake of the SE U.S.

**water pipe** 1 a pipe for water 2 a smoking pipe using water, as a hookah

**water polo** a water game played with a ball by two teams of swimmers

**water power** the power of running or falling water, used to drive machinery, etc.: also **wa'ter-pow'er n.**

**wa'ter-proof' adj.** that keeps out water, as by being treated with rubber, etc. —**vt.** to make waterproof

**water rat** any of various rodents living on the banks of streams and ponds

**wa'ter-re-pel'lent adj.** that repels water but is not fully waterproof

**wa'ter-shed' n.** 1 a ridge dividing the areas drained by different river systems 2 the area drained by a river system

**wa'ter-side' n.** land at the edge of a body of water —**adj.** of, at, or on the waterside

**wa'ter-ski' vi.** -skied', -ski'ing to be towed on skilike boards (**water skis**) by a line attached to a speedboat —**wa'ter-ski'er n.**

**wa'ter-spout' n.** 1 a pipe for spouting water 2 a whirling funnel-shaped column of air full of spray occurring over water in tropical areas

**water table** the level below which the ground is saturated with water

**wa'ter-tight' adj.** 1 so snugly put together that no water can get in or through 2 that cannot be misconstrued, nullified, etc.; flawless

**water tower** an elevated tank for water storage

**wa'ter-way' n.** 1 a channel through which water runs 2 any body of water suitable for boats, ships, etc., as a canal or river

**water wheel** a wheel turned by running water, as for power

**water wings** an inflated device to keep one afloat as while learning to swim

**wa'ter-works' pl.n.** [often with *sing. v.*] a system of reservoirs, pumps, etc. supplying water to a city

**wa'ter-y adj.** 1 of or like water 2 full



of water 3 thin; diluted 4 tearful 5 weak —**wa'ter-i-ness** *n.*

**WATS** (wäts) *n.* [*w(ide) a(rea) t(elecom-munications) s(ervice)*] a long-distance telephone service using a network at special rates

**watt** (wät) *n.* [after James Watt (1736-1819), Scot inventor of steam engine] a unit of electrical power, equal to the power developed in a circuit by a current of one ampere flowing through a potential difference of one volt;  $\frac{1}{746}$  horsepower

**watt'age** *n.* amount of electrical power, expressed in watts

**wat-tle** (wät'tl) *n.* [OE *watul*] 1 a woven work of sticks intertwined with twigs or branches 2 a fleshy flap of skin hanging from the throat of certain birds or lizards —**vt.** -tled, -tling 1 to intertwine (sticks, twigs, etc.) 2 to build of or with wattle

**wave** (wāv) **vi.** **waved**, **wav'ing** [OE *wafian*] 1 to move or sway to and fro 2 to signal by moving a hand, arm, etc. to and fro 3 to have the form of a series of curves —**vt.** 1 to cause to wave 2 to brandish (a weapon) 3 *a)* to move or swing (something) as a signal *b)* to signal (something) to (someone) by doing this 4 to give an undulating form to (hair, etc.) —*n.* 1 a ridge or swell moving along the surface of the ocean, etc. 2 an undulation or curve, as in the hair 3 a motion to and fro, as with the hand in signaling 4 a thing like a wave in action or effect; specif., an upsurge [a crime wave] 5 *Physics* a periodic motion or disturbance, as in the propagation of sound or light

**Wave** (wāv) *n.* [*< W(omen) A(ppointed for) V(oluntary) E(mergency) S(ervice)*] a member of the women's branch of the U.S. Navy (**WAVES**)

**wave'length** *n.* 1 *Physics* the distance measured along a wave from any given point to the next similar point 2 [Inf.] chiefly in the phrase **on the same wavelength**, in accord

**wave'let** (-lit) *n.* a little wave

**wa-ver** (wā'vər) **vi.** [*< ME waven, 'to wave*] 1 to sway to and fro 2 to show indecision; vacillate 3 to falter, flicker, tremble, etc. —*n.* a wavering

**wav-y** (wā'vē) **adj.** -i-er, -i-est 1 having or like waves 2 moving in a wavelike motion —**wav'i-ness** *n.*

**wax**<sup>1</sup> (waks) *n.* [OE *weax*] 1 a plastic, dull-yellow substance secreted by bees; beeswax 2 any plastic substance like this; specif., *a)* paraffin *b)* a substance exuded by the ears —**vt.** to rub, polish, cover, or treat with wax

**wax**<sup>2</sup> (waks) **vi.** **waxed**, **wax'ing** [OE *weaxan, grow*] 1 to increase in strength, size, etc. 2 to become gradually full: said of the moon 3 [Literary] to become; grow [to wax angry]

**wax bean** a variety of the common garden bean with long, edible, yellow pods

**wax-en** (wak'sən) **adj.** 1 made of wax 2 pale

**wax museum** an exhibition of wax

figures, as of famous persons

**wax myrtle** an evergreen shrub with grayish-white, wax-coated berries

**wax paper** a paper made moisture-proof by a wax coating: also **waxed paper**

**wax'wing** *n.* a fruit-eating bird with brown or gray silky plumage and scarlet waxlike tips on the wings

**wax'works** *n.* an exhibition of wax figures

**wax'y** **adj.** -i-er, -i-est of, full of, or like wax —**wax'i-ness** *n.*

**way** (wā) *n.* [ME *< OE weg*] 1 a road, street, path, etc. 2 space for passing 3 a route or course 4 course of life or conduct [avoid evil ways] 5 a method of doing something 6 a manner of living, acting, etc. [the way of the world] 7 distance [a long way off] 8 direction of movement or action 9 movement forward 10 respect; specific point [right in some ways] 11 wish; will [get one's own way] 12 [Inf.] *a)* a condition [he's in a bad way] *b)* a locality [out our way] 13 [pl.] a timber framework on which a ship is built —**adv.** [Inf.] away; far [way behind] —**by the way** incidentally —**by way of** 1 passing through 2 as a method, etc. of —**give way** 1 to yield 2 to break down —**lead the way** to be a guide or example —**make way** 1 to clear a passage 2 to make progress —**under way** moving; advancing

**way'far'er** (-fer'ər) *n.* a traveler, esp. on foot —**way'faring** **adj.**, *n.*

**way-lay** (wā'lā') **vt.** -laid', -lay'ing 1 to lie in wait for and attack 2 to wait for and accost (a person) on the way

**way'-out'** **adj.** [Inf.] very unusual or unconventional

**-ways** (wāz) [ME *< way* (see WAY)] **suffix** in a (specified) direction, position, or manner [*sideways*]

**ways and means** methods of raising money; specif., such methods, including legislation, in government

**way'side** *n.* the edge of a road

**way'ward** **adj.** [see AWAY & -WARD] 1 headstrong, willful, disobedient, etc. 2 unpredictable; erratic —**way'ward-ly** **adv.** —**way'ward-ness** *n.*

**we** (wē) **pron.**, *sing.* I [OE] 1 the persons speaking or writing 2 I: used by a monarch, editor, etc. when speaking for others

**weak** (wēk) **adj.** [*< ON veikr*] 1 lacking physical strength; feeble 2 lacking moral strength or willpower 3 lacking mental power 4 lacking power, authority, force, etc. 5 easily torn, broken, etc. [a weak railing] 6 lacking intensity, etc. [a weak voice] 7 diluted [weak tea] 8 unconvincing [a weak argument]

**weak'en** **vt.**, **vi.** to make or become weak or weaker

**weak'-kneed'** (-nēd') **adj.** lacking in courage, determination, resistance, etc.

**weak'ling** *n.* one that is low in physical or moral strength

**weak'ly** **adj.** -li-er, -li-est sickly; feeble —**adv.** in a weak manner

**weak'ness** *n.* 1 state of being weak 2 a weak point 3 an immoderate fond-



ness (for something)

**weal**<sup>1</sup> (wēl) *n.* [**< WALE**] a mark raised on the skin, as by a blow; welt

**weal**<sup>2</sup> (wēl) *n.* [**< OE wela**, wealth, well-being] well-being; welfare [the public *weal*]

**wealth** (welth) *n.* [**< prec.**] 1 much money or property; riches 2 a large amount [a *wealth* of ideas] 3 valuable products, contents, etc. 4 everything having value in money

**wealth-y** (wel'thē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est having wealth; rich —**wealth'i-ness** *n.*

**wean** (wēn) *vt.* [**OE wenian**, to accustom, train] 1 to accustom (a child or young animal) to take food other than by suckling 2 to withdraw (a person) by degrees (from a habit, etc.)

**weapon** (wep'an) *n.* [**OE wæpen**] 1 any instrument used to injure or kill 2 any means of attack or defense —**weapon-less** *adj.*

**weapon-ry** *n.* weapons collectively

**wear** (wer) *vt.* wore, worn, wearing [**OE werian**] 1 to have (clothing, etc.) on the body 2 to show in one's appearance [to *wear* a smile] 3 to impair or diminish by use, friction, etc.: often with *away* 4 to make by rubbing, flowing, etc. [to *wear* a hole in the rug] 5 to tire or exhaust —*vi.* 1 to become impaired or diminished, as by use 2 to hold up in use [that suit *wears* well] 3 to have an irritating effect (on) —*n.* 1 a wearing or being worn 2 things worn; clothes [women's *wear*] 3 impairment or loss, as from use, friction, etc. —**wear off** to diminish by degrees —**wear'a-ble** *adj.* —**wear'er** *n.*

**wear and tear** loss and damage resulting from use

**wea-ri-some** (wir'i sām) *adj.* causing weariness; tiresome or tedious —**wea'ri-some-ly** *adv.*

**wea-ry** (wir'ē) *adj.* -ri-er, -ri-est [**OE werig**] 1 tired; worn out 2 without further patience, zeal, etc. 3 tiring —*vt.*, *vi.* -ried, -ry-ing to make or become weary —**wea'ri-ly** *adv.* —**wea'ri-ness** *n.*

**wea-sel** (wē'zəl) *n.* [**OE wesle**] 1 an agile flesh-eating mammal with a long, slender body and short legs 2 a sly, cunning person —*vi.* [**Inf.**] to avoid a commitment: with *out* —**wea'sel-ly** *adj.*

**weath-er** (weth'ər) *n.* [**OE weder**] 1 the condition of the atmosphere with regard to temperature, moisture, etc. 2 storm, rain, etc. —*vt.* 1 to expose to the action of weather 2 to pass through safely [to *weather* a storm] 3 *Naut.* to pass to the windward of —*vi.* to become worn, etc. by exposure to the weather —**under the weather** [**Inf.**] ill

**weath'er-beat'en** *adj.* showing the effect of exposure to sun, rain, etc.

**weath'er-cock** *n.* a weather vane in the shape of a rooster

**weath'er-ing** *n.* the effects of the forces of weather on rock surfaces

**weath'er-ize'** *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to weatherstrip, insulate, etc. (a building) —**weath'er-i-za'tion** *n.*

**weath'er-man'** (-man') *n.*, *pl.* -men' (-men') one whose work is forecasting the weather, or, esp., reporting it, as on

TV

**weath'er-proof'** *adj.* that can be exposed to wind, snow, etc. without being damaged —*vt.* to make weather-proof

**weath'er-strip'** *n.* a thin strip of metal, felt, etc. covering the joint between a door or window and the casing, to keep out drafts, etc.: also **weath'er-strip'ping** —*vt.* -stripped', **weath'er-strip'ping** to provide with weatherstrips

**weather vane** a vane for showing which way the wind is blowing

**weave** (wēv) *vt.* wove or, chiefly for *vt.* 5 & *vi.* 2, **weaved**, **wo'ven** or **wove** or, chiefly for *vt.* 5 & *vi.* 2, **weaved**, **weav'ing** [**OE wefan**] 1 to make (a fabric, basket, etc.) by interlacing (threads, straw, etc.), as on a loom 2 to construct in the mind 3 to twist (something) into or through 4 to spin (a web), as spiders do 5 to make (one's way) by moving from side to side or in and out —*vi.* 1 to do weaving 2 to move from side to side or in and out —*n.* a method or pattern of weaving —**weav'er** *n.*

**web** (web) *n.* [**OE webb**] 1 any woven fabric 2 the network spun by a spider, etc. 3 a carefully woven trap 4 a network 5 a membrane joining the digits of various water birds, etc. 6 [**usually W-**] *Comput.* **WORLD WIDE WEB**: usually with *the* —*vt.* **webbed**, **web'bing** to join by, or cover as with, a web

**web'bing** *n.* a strong fabric woven in strips and used for belts, etc.

**web'foot'** *n.*, *pl.* -feet' a foot with the toes webbed —**web'-foot'ed** *adj.*

**Web page** a single file on the World Wide Web, providing text, pictures, etc.

**web'site'** *n.* [**occas. W-**] a location on the World Wide Web, consisting of one or more Web pages: also **web** (or **Web**) **site**

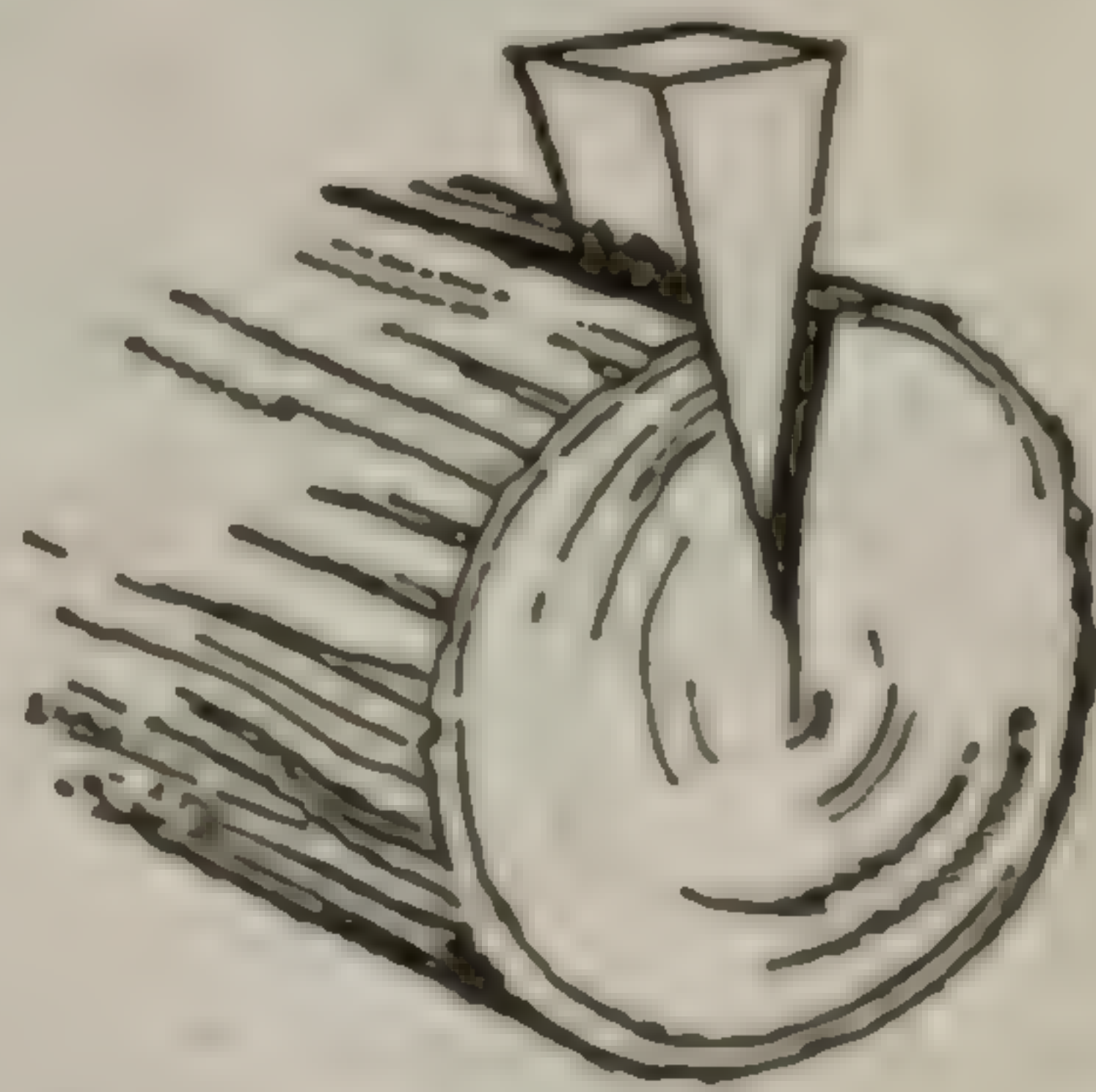
**Web-ster** (web'stər), **No-ah** (nō'ə) 1758-1843; U.S. lexicographer

**wed** (wed) *vt.*, *vi.* **wed'ded**, **wed'ded** or **wed**, **wed'ding** [**OE weddian**] 1 to marry 2 to unite or join

**Wed** *abbrev.* Wednesday

**wed-ded** (wed'id) *adj.* 1 married 2 of marriage 3 devoted [*wedded* to one's work] 4 joined

**wed'ding** *n.* 1 the marriage ceremony 2 a marriage anniversary 3 a joining together



WEDGE

**wedge** (wej) *n.* [**OE wecg**] 1 a piece of wood, metal, etc. tapering to a thin edge: used to split wood, lift a weight,



etc. 2 anything shaped like a wedge 3 any act serving to open the way for change, etc. —**vt.** **wedged**, **wedg'ing** 1 to force apart, or fix in place, with a wedge 2 to crowd together or pack (*in*) —**vi.** to push or be forced as or like a wedge

**wedg'ie** (-ē) *n.* a shoe having a wedge-shaped piece under the heel, which forms a solid, flat sole

**wed'lock** *n.* [OE *wedlac*] the state of being married

**Wednes·day** (wenz'dā) *n.* [ < Woden, Germanic god] the fourth day of the week

**wee** (wē) *adj.* **we'er**, **we'est** [OE *wege*] 1 very small; tiny 2 very early [*wee* hours of the morning]

**weed** (wēd) *n.* [OE *weod*] any undesired, uncultivated plant, esp. one that crowds out desired plants —**vt.**, **vi.** 1 to remove weeds from (a garden, etc.) 2 to remove as useless, harmful, etc.: often with *out* —**weed'er** *n.* —**weed'less** *adj.*

**weeds** (wēdz) *pl.n.* [ < OE *wæde*, garment] black mourning clothes, esp. those worn by a widow

**weed'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 full of weeds 2 of or like a weed

**week** (wēk) *n.* [OE *wicu*] 1 a period of seven days, esp. one from Sunday through Saturday 2 the hours or days of work in this period

**week'day** *n.* any day of the week except Sunday and, often, Saturday

**week'end** or **week'-end** *n.* the period from Friday night or Saturday to Monday morning: also **week end** —**vi.** to spend the weekend

**week'ly** *adj.* 1 done, happening, etc. once every week 2 of a week, or of each week —**adv.** once a week; every week —*n.*, *pl.* -lies a periodical published once a week

**ween** (wēn) *vi.*, *vt.* [OE *wonan*] [Archaic] to think

**weep** (wēp) *vi.*, *vt.* **wept**, **weep'ing** [OE *wepan*] 1 to shed (tears) 2 to mourn (*for*) 3 to drip or exude (water, etc.) —**weep'er** *n.*

**weep'ing** *n.* the act of one who weeps —*adj.* 1 that weeps 2 having graceful, drooping branches

**weeping willow** an ornamental willow tree with drooping branches

**weep'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est (inclined to) weeping

**wee·vil** (wē'vəl) *n.* [OE *wifel*] a beetle whose larvae feed on grain, cotton, etc.

**weft** (weft) *n.* [ < OE *wefan*, to weave] *Weaving* the yarns carried back and forth across the warp

**weigh** (wā) *vt.* [OE *wegan*, carry] 1 to determine the weight of 2 to have (a specified) weight 3 to consider and choose carefully [*weigh* one's words] —**vi.** 1 to have significance, importance, etc. 2 to be a burden —**weigh anchor** to hoist a ship's anchor —**weigh down** to burden or bear down on

**weight** (wāt) *n.* [OE *wiht*] 1 a quantity weighing a definite amount 2 *a*) heavi-

ness *b*) *Physics* the force of gravity acting on a body 3 amount of heaviness 4 *a*) any unit of heaviness *b*) any system of such units *c*) a piece having a specific amount of heaviness, placed on a balance or scale in weighing 5 any mass of material used for its heaviness [*a paperweight*] 6 a burden, as of sorrow 7 importance or consequence 8 influence; power —**vt.** 1 to add weight to 2 to burden

**weight'less** *adj.* having little or no apparent weight: said as of an astronaut floating freely in an orbiting space vehicle —**weight'less-ness** *n.*

**weight lifting** the athletic exercise or sport of lifting barbells —**weight lift'er**

**weight'y** *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 very heavy 2 burdensome 3 significant; important —**weight'i-ness** *n.*

**weir** (wir) *n.* [OE *wer*] 1 a low dam built to back up water, as for a mill 2 a fence, as of brushwood, in a stream, etc., for catching fish

**weird** (wird) *adj.* [ < OE *wyrd*, fate] 1 of or about ghosts, etc.; mysterious, eerie, etc. 2 strange; bizarre —**weird'ly** *adv.* —**weird'ness** *n.*

**weird·o** (wir'dō) *n.*, *pl.* -os [Slang] one that is weird, bizarre, etc.: also **weird'ie** (-dē)

**wel·come** (wel'kəm) *adj.* [OE *wilcuma*, welcome guest] 1 gladly received [*a welcome guest*] 2 freely permitted [*he is welcome to use my car*] —*n.* a welcoming —**vt.** -comed, -com-ing to greet or receive with pleasure, etc. —**you're welcome** you're under no obligation

**weld** (weld) *vt.* [ < obs. *well*] 1 to unite (pieces of metal, etc.) by heating until fused or until soft enough to hammer together 2 to unite closely —**vi.** to be welded —*n.* 1 a welding 2 a joint formed by welding —**weld'a·ble** *adj.* —**weld'er** *n.*

**wel·fare** (wel'fer') *n.* [ME: see WELL<sup>2</sup> & FARE] 1 a condition of health, happiness, prosperity, etc.; well-being 2 *a*) the organized efforts of government agencies granting aid to the poor, the unemployed, etc. *b*) such aid —**on welfare** receiving government aid because of poverty, etc.

**wel·kin** (wel'kin) *n.* [ < OE *wolcen*, a cloud] [Archaic] the vault of the sky

**well<sup>1</sup>** (wel) *n.* [OE *wella*] 1 a natural spring and pool 2 a hole sunk into the earth to get water, oil, etc. 3 a source of abundant supply 4 a shaft, etc. resembling a well 5 a container for a liquid, as an inkwell —**vi.**, **vt.** to flow or gush from or as from a well

**well<sup>2</sup>** (wel) *adv.* **bet'ter**, **best** [OE *well*] 1 in a satisfactory, proper, or excellent manner [*treat her well*; *you sing well*] 2 prosperously [*to live well*] 3 with good reason [*one may well ask*] 4 to a considerable degree [*well advanced*] 5 thoroughly [*stir it well*] 6 with certainty; definitely 7 familiarly [*I know her well*] —*adj.* 1 suitable, proper, etc. 2 in good health 3 favorable; comfortable —*interj.* used variously to express surprise, agreement, etc. —**as well** 1 in addition 2 equally —**as well as** in addition to



**well-ad-vised** (wel'əd vīzd') *adj.* showing or resulting from careful consideration or sound advice; prudent

**well-ap-point'ed** *adj.* excellently furnished

**well'-bal'anced** *adj.* 1 precisely adjusted or regulated 2 sane, sensible, etc.

**well'-be-haved'** *adj.* displaying good manners

**well'-be'ing** *n.* the state of being well, happy, or prosperous; welfare

**well'-born'** *adj.* born into a family of high social position

**well'-bred'** *adj.* showing good breeding; courteous and considerate

**well'-dis-posed'** *adj.* friendly (toward a person) or receptive (to an idea, etc.)

**well'-done'** *adj.* 1 performed with skill 2 thoroughly cooked: said esp. of meat

**well'-fed'** *adj.* plump or fat

**well'-fixed'** *adj.* [Inf.] wealthy

**well'-found'ed** *adj.* based on facts, good evidence, or sound judgment

**well'-groomed'** *adj.* clean and neat

**well'-ground'ed** *adj.* having a thorough basic knowledge of a subject

**well'head'** *n.* 1 a source; fountainhead 2 the top of a well, as an oil or gas well

**well'-heeled'** *adj.* [Slang] rich; prosperous

**well'-in-formed'** *adj.* having considerable knowledge of a subject or of many subjects

**Wel-ling-ton** (wel'in tən) capital of New Zealand: pop. 149,000

**well'-in-ten'tioned** *adj.* having or showing good or kindly intentions

**well'-knit'** *adj.* sturdy in body build

**well'-known'** *adj.* 1 widely known; famous 2 thoroughly known

**well'-made'** *adj.* skillfully and soundly put together

**well'-man'nered** *adj.* polite; courteous

**well'-mean'ing** *adj.* 1 having good intentions 2 said or done with good intentions, but often not wisely or effectually: also **well'-meant'**

**well'-nigh'** *adv.* very nearly; almost

**well'-off'** *adj.* 1 in a fortunate condition 2 prosperous

**well'-pre-served'** *adj.* in good condition or looking good, in spite of age

**well'-read'** (-red') *adj.* having read much

**well'-round'ed** *adj.* 1 well-planned for proper balance 2 showing diverse talents 3 shapely

**well'-spo'ken** *adj.* 1 speaking easily, graciously, etc. 2 properly or aptly spoken

**well'spring'** *n.* 1 the source of a stream, etc. 2 a source of abundant supply

**well'-tak'en** *adj.* apt and sound or cogent

**well'-thought'-of'** *adj.* having a good reputation

**well'-timed'** *adj.* timely; opportune

**well'-to-do'** *adj.* prosperous; wealthy

**well'-turned'** *adj.* 1 gracefully shaped 2 expressed or worded well [a well-

turned phrase]

**well'-wish'er** *n.* one who wishes well to another or to a cause, etc.

**well'-worn'** *adj.* much worn or used

**welsh** (welsh) *vi.* [Slang] to fail to pay a debt, fulfill an obligation, etc.: often with *on* —**welsh'er** *n.*

**Welsh** (welsh) *n.* [OE *Wealh*, foreigner] the Celtic language of Wales —*adj.* of Wales or its people, language, etc. —**the Welsh** the people of Wales —**Welsh'man** (-mən), *pl.* -men, *n.*

**Welsh rabbit** a dish of melted cheese served on crackers or toast: also **Welsh rarebit**

**welt** (welt) *n.* [ME *welte*] 1 a strip of leather in the seam between the sole and upper of a shoe 2 a ridge raised on the skin as by a blow

**wel-ter** (wel'tər) *vi.* [ < MDu *welteren*] to roll about or wallow —*n.* a confusion; turmoil

**wel-ter-weight** (wel'tər wāt') *n.* [prob. < *welt*, to beat] a boxer with a maximum weight of 147 pounds

**wen** (wen) *n.* [OE *wenn*] a benign skin tumor

**wench** (wench) *n.* [OE *wencel*, child] a young woman: derogatory or jocular term

**wend** (wend) *vt.* **wend'ed**, **wend'ing** [OE *wendan*, to turn] to go on (one's way)

**went** (went) *vi.*, *vt. pt. of* GO

**wept** (wept) *vi.*, *vt. pt. & pp. of* WEEP

**were** (wər) *vi.* [OE *wæron*] *pl. & 2d pers. sing., past indic., and the past subjunctive, of* BE

**we're** (wir) *contr.* we are

**were-wolf** (wer'woolf', wir'-) *n.*, *pl.* -wolves' [OE *wer*, man + *wulf*, wolf] *Folklore* a person changed into a wolf: also *sp.* **wer'wolf'**, *pl.* -wolves'

**Wes-ley** (wes'lē, wez'-), John 1703-91; Eng. clergyman; founder of Methodism —**Wes'ley-an** *adj.*, *n.*

**west** (west) *n.* [OE] 1 the direction in which sunset occurs (270° on the compass) 2 a region in or toward this direction —*adj.* 1 in, of, toward, or facing the west 2 from the west [a *west* wind] —*adv.* in or toward the west —**the West** 1 the western part of the U.S. 2 Europe and the Western Hemisphere

**West Berlin** *see* BERLIN

**west'er-ly** *adj.*, *adv.* 1 toward the west 2 from the west

**west'ern** *adj.* [OE *westerne*] 1 in, of, or toward the west 2 from the west 3 [W-] of the West —*n.* a movie, book, etc. about life in the western U.S., esp. during the frontier period

**west'ern-er** *n.* a person born or living in the west

**Western Hemisphere** that half of the earth which includes North & South America

**west'ern-ize'** *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to make Western in habits, ideas, etc.

**Western Samoa** former name for SAMOA



**West Germany** *see* GERMANY

**West In-dies** (in'dēz') large group of islands in the Atlantic between North America & South America —**West Indian**

**West Point** military reservation in SE New York: site of the U.S. Military Academy

**West Virginia** state of the E U.S.: 24,232 sq. mi.; pop. 1,793,000; cap. Charleston: abbrev. WV —**West Virginian**

**west'ward** *adv.*, *adj.* toward the west: also **west'wards** *adv.*

**wet** (wet) *adj.* **wet'ter**, **wet'test** [OE *wæt*] 1 covered or saturated with water or other liquid 2 rainy; misty 3 not yet dry [*wet paint*] —*n.* 1 water or other liquid; moisture 2 rain or rainy weather —*vt.*, *vi.* **wet** or **wet'ted**, **wet'ting** to make or become wet —all **wet** [Slang] wrong

**wet'back** *n.* [Inf.] a Mexican who illegally enters the U.S. to work: term of derision or contempt

**wet blanket** a person or thing whose presence or influence lessens the enthusiasm of others

**wet'land** *n.* [usually *pl.*] 1 swamps or marshes 2 an area of swamps, etc. preserved for wildlife

**wet nurse** a woman hired to suckle another's child —**wet'-nurse'**, **-nursed'**, **-nurs'ing**, *vt.*

**wet suit** a closefitting suit of rubber worn by skin divers for warmth: also **wet'suit** *n.*

**whack** (hwak) *vt.*, *vi.* [echoic] to strike or slap with a sharp, resounding blow —*n.* 1 a sharp, resounding blow 2 the sound of this —**have** (or **take**) **a whack at** [Inf.] 1 to aim a blow at 2 to make an attempt at —**out of whack** [Inf.] not in proper working condition —**whack'er** *n.*

**whale**<sup>1</sup> (hwāl) *n.* [OE *hwæl*] a large, warmblooded sea mammal that breathes air —*vi.* **whaled**, **whal'ing** to hunt whales —**a whale of a** [Inf.] an exceptionally large, fine, etc. example of a (class or group)

**whale**<sup>2</sup> (hwāl) *vt.* **whaled**, **whal'ing** [prob. < WALE] [Inf.] to beat, whip, etc.

**whale'bone** *n.* BALEEN

**whal'er** *n.* 1 a whaling ship 2 one whose work is whaling

**wham** (hwam) *interj.* used to suggest the sound of a heavy blow, explosion, etc. —*n.* a heavy blow, etc. —*vt.*, *vi.* **whammed**, **wham'ming** to strike, explode, etc. loudly

**wham'my** *n.*, *pl.* **-mies** [Slang] a jinx

**wharf** (hwôrf) *n.*, *pl.* **wharves** or **wharfs** [OE *hwerf*, a dam] a structure on a shore, at which ships are loaded or unloaded; dock

**what** (hwut, hwät) *pron.* [OE *hwæt*, neuter of *wha*, *who*] 1 which thing, event, etc. [*what is that object?*] 2 that or those which [to know *what* one wants] —*adj.* 1 which or which kind of: used interrogatively or relatively 2 as much, or as many, as [take *what* men

you need] 3 how great, surprising, etc. [*what nonsense!*] —*adv.* 1 in what way? how? [*what does it matter?*] 2 how greatly, etc. [*what tragic news!*] —*interj.* used to express surprise, anger, etc. —**what about** what do you think, feel, etc. concerning? —**what for?** why? —**what with** because of [*what with the bad weather, we'll be late*]

**what-ev'er** *pron.* what: an emphatic variant; specif., *a*) which thing, event, etc.? *b*) anything that [say *whatever* you like] *c*) no matter what [*whatever* you do, don't hurry] —*adj.* 1 of any kind [I have no plans *whatever*] 2 being who it may be [*whatever* man said that, it is not true]

**what'not** *n.* a set of open shelves, as for bric-a-brac

**what's** (hwuts) *contr.* 1 what is 2 what has 3 [Inf.] what does [*what's he want?*]

**what-so-ev-er** (hwut'sō ev'ər) *pron.*, *adj.* whatever: an emphatic form

**wheal**<sup>1</sup> (hwēl) *n.* [ME *whele*] a small, itching elevation of the skin, as from an insect bite

**wheal**<sup>2</sup> (hwēl) *n.* WEAL<sup>1</sup>

**wheat** (hwēt) *n.* [OE *hwæte*] a cereal grass having spikes containing grains used in making flour, cereals, etc.

**wheat germ** the highly nutritious embryo of the wheat kernel, milled out as a flake

**whee-dle** (hwēd'l) *vt.*, *vi.* **-dled**, **-dling** [*< ?*] to influence or persuade (a person), or get (something), by flattery, coaxing, etc.

**wheel** (hwēl) *n.* [OE *hwéol*] 1 a circular disk or frame turning on a central axis 2 anything like a wheel in shape, movement, etc. 3 the steering wheel of a motor vehicle 4 [*pl.*] [Slang] an automobile 5 [usually *pl.*] the moving forces [the *wheels* of progress] 6 a turning movement 7 [Slang] an important person —*vt.*, *vi.* 1 to move on or in (a wheeled vehicle) 2 to turn, revolve, etc. 3 to turn so as to change direction —**at** (or **behind**) **the wheel** steering a motor vehicle, ship, etc.

**wheel'bar'row** *n.* a kind of cart for carrying small loads, having a wheel in front and two shafts with handles in back for raising the vehicle off its two back legs and moving it

**wheel'base** *n.* the length of a motor vehicle between the centers of the front and rear wheels

**wheel'chair** *n.* a chair mounted on large wheels, for persons unable to walk

**wheeled** (hwēld) *adj.* having wheels

**wheel-er-deal-er** (hwēl'ər dēl'ər) *n.* [Slang] one who is aggressive in a showy way, as in arranging business deals

**wheel'house** *n.* PILOTHOUSE

**wheel'wright** *n.* one who makes and repairs wheels and wheeled vehicles

**wheeze** (hwēz) *vi.* **wheezed**, **wheez'ing** [*< ON* *hvaeza*, to hiss] to breathe hard with a whistling, breathy sound, as in asthma —*n.* a wheezing —**wheez'y**, **-i-er**, **-i-est**, *adj.*





WHELK

**whelk** (hwelk) *n.* [[OE *wioluc*] a kind of large marine snail

**whelm** (hwelm) *vt.* [[ME *welmen*] 1 to submerge 2 to overpower or crush

**whelp** (hwelp) *n.* [[OE *hwelp*] a young dog, etc. —*vt., vi.* to give birth to (young): said of some animals

**when** (hwen) *adv.* [[OE *hwænne*] 1 at what time? [*when* did they leave?] 2 on what occasion? —*conj.* 1 at what time [*tell me when* to go] 2 at the time that [*when* we were young] 3 at which [a time *when* people must work] 4 as soon as [*we will eat when* he comes] 5 although 6 if —*pron.* what or which time. —*n.* the time (of an event)

**whence** (hwens) *adv.* [[ME *whennes*] from what place, cause, etc.? [*whence* do you come?]

**when·ev'er** *adv.* [Inf.] when: an emphatic form —*conj.* at whatever time [*go whenever* you can]

**where** (hwer) *adv.* [[OE *hwær*] 1 in or at what place? [*where* is it?] 2 to or toward what place? [*where* did he go?] 3 in what respect? [*where* is he to blame?] 4 from what place or source? [*where* did he learn it?] —*conj.* 1 at what place [*I see where* it is] 2 at which place [*I went home, where* I ate dinner] 3 wherever 4 to the place to which [*we go where* you go] —*pron.* 1 the place at which [*it's a mile to where* I live] 2 what place [*where* are you from?] —*n.* the place (of an event)

**where'a·bouts'** (-ə bouts') *adv.* near or at what place? —*n.* [now usually with *pl. v.*] the place where one is

**where·as'** *conj.* 1 in view of the fact that 2 while on the contrary [*I'm slim, whereas* he is fat]

**where·at'** *conj.* [Archaic] at which point

**where·by'** *conj.* by which

**where'fore'** (-fôr') *adv.* [Archaic] for what reason? why? —*conj.* [Archaic] 1 for which 2 because of which —*n.* the reason; cause

**where·in'** *conj.* in which

**where·of'** *adv., conj.* of what, which, or whom [*the things whereof* he spoke]

**where·on'** *conj.* [Archaic] on which

**where'up·on'** *conj.* at which

**wher·ev·er** (hwer ev'ər) *adv.* [Inf.] where: an emphatic form —*conj.* in, at, or to whatever place or situation [*go wherever* you like]

**where·with'** *conj.* [Archaic] with which

**where'with·al'** (-with ôl') *n.* the necessary means, esp. money: usually with *the*

**wher·ry** (hwer'ē) *n., pl. -ries* [[ME

*whery*] a light rowboat

**whet** (hwet) *vt.* whet'ted, whet'ting [[< OE *hwæt*, keen] 1 to sharpen by rubbing or grinding (the edge of a knife or tool) 2 to stimulate

**wheth·er** (hweth'ər) *conj.* [[OE *hwæther*] 1 if it be the case that [*ask whether* she sings] 2 in case; in either case that: introducing alternatives [*whether* it rains or snows]

**whet·stone** (hwet'stōn') *n.* an abrasive stone for sharpening knives, etc.

**whew** (hyō) *interj.* [[echoic] used to express relief, surprise, dismay, etc.

**whey** (hwā) *n.* [[OE *hwæg*] the watery part of milk, that separates from the curds

**which** (hwich) *pron.* [[OE *hwylc*] 1 what one (or ones) of several? [*which* do you want?] 2 the one (or ones) that [*he knows which* he wants] 3 that [*the boat which* sank] —*adj.* what one or ones [*which* man (or men) left?]

**which·ev'er** *pron., adj.* 1 any one [*take whichever* (desk) you like] 2 no matter which [*whichever* (desk) he chooses, they won't be pleased]

**whiff** (hwif) *n.* [[echoic] 1 a light puff or gust of air, etc. 2 a slight odor

**whif·fle·tree** (hwif'al trē') *n.* var. of WHIPPLETREE

**Whig** (hwig) *n.* [[< *whiggamore* (derisive term for Scot Presbyterians)] 1 a member of a former English political party that championed reform 2 a supporter of the American Revolution 3 a member of a U.S. political party (c. 1834-56)

**while** (hwil) *n.* [[OE *hwil*] a period of time [*a short while*] —*conj.* 1 during the time that [*I read while* I eat] 2 although; whereas [*while* not poor, she's not rich] —*vt.* whiled, whil'ing to spend (time) in a pleasant way: often with *away*

**whi·lom** (hwī'ləm) *adj.* [[< OE]] former

**whilst** (hwilst) *conj.* [Chiefly Brit.] WHILE

**whim** (hwim) *n.* a sudden, passing idea or desire

**whim·per** (hwim'pər) *vi., vt.* [[? akin to WHINE] to cry or utter with low, whining, broken sounds —*n.* a whimpering sound or cry

**whim·si·cal** (hwim'zi kəl) *adj.* 1 full of whims or whimsy 2 oddly out of the ordinary —**whim'si·cal'i·ty** (-kal'ə tē) *n.* —**whim'si·cal·ly** *adv.*

**whim·sy** (hwim'zē) *n., pl. -sies* [[< ?]] 1 a sudden, odd notion 2 quaint or fanciful humor Also sp. **whim'sey**, *pl. -seys*

**whine** (hwīn) *vi.* whined, whin'ing [[OE *hwinan*] 1 a) to utter a high-pitched, nasal sound, as in complaint b) to make a prolonged sound like this 2 to complain in a childish way —*n.* 1 a whining 2 a complaint uttered in a whining tone —**whin'y, -i·er, -i·est**, *adj.*

**whin·ny** (hwin'ē) *vi.* -nied, -ny·ing [[prob. echoic] to neigh in a low, gentle way: said of a horse —*n., pl. -nies* a whinnying



**whip** (hwip) *vt.* **whipped** or **whipt**, **whip'ping** [*< MDu wippen, to swing*] 1 to move, pull, throw, etc. suddenly [*to whip out a knife*] 2 to strike, as with a strap; lash 3 to wind (cord, etc.) around (a rope, etc.) so as to prevent fraying 4 to beat into a froth [*to whip cream*] 5 [*Inf.*] to defeat —*vi.* 1 to move quickly and suddenly 2 to flap about —*n.* 1 a flexible instrument for striking or flogging 2 a blow, etc. as with a whip 3 an officer of a political party in a legislature who maintains discipline, etc. 4 a whipping motion —**whip up** 1 to rouse (interest, etc.) 2 [*Inf.*] to prepare quickly

**whip'cord'** *n.* 1 a hard, twisted or braided cord 2 a strong, diagonally ribbed worsted cloth

**whip hand** control or advantage

**whip'lash'** *n.* 1 the lash of a whip 2 a sudden, severe jolting of the neck, as in an automobile accident

**whip'per-snap'per** *n.* an insignificant person who appears presumptuous

**whip-pet** (hwip'it) *n.* [*< WHIP*] a swift dog resembling a small greyhound, used in racing

**whip-ple-tree** (hwip'al trē') *n.* [*< WHIP + TREE*] SINGLETREE

**whip-poor-will** (hwip'ər wil') *n.* [*echoic*] a dark-colored bird of E North America, active at night

**whip'py** *adj.* springy; flexible

**whir** or **whirr** (hwar) *vi., vt.* **whirred**, **whir'ring** [*ME quirren*] to fly, revolve, vibrate, etc. with a whizzing or buzzing sound —*n.* such a sound

**whirl** (hwurl) *vi.* [*< ON hvirfla*] 1 to move rapidly in a circle or orbit 2 to rotate or spin fast 3 to seem to spin [*my head is whirling*] —*vt.* to cause to rotate, revolve, or spin rapidly —*n.* 1 a whirling motion 2 a confused or giddy condition —**give it a whirl** [*Inf.*] to make an attempt

**whirl-i-gig** (hwar'li gig') *n.* a child's toy that whirls or spins, as a pinwheel

**whirl'pool'** *n.* 1 water in violent, whirling motion, tending to draw floating objects into its center 2 a bath in which an agitating device propels a current of warm water with a swirling motion: in full **whirlpool bath**

**whirl'wind'** *n.* 1 a forward-moving current of air whirling violently in a vertical spiral 2 anything like a whirlwind —*adj.* impetuous; speedy

**whisk** (hwhisk) *n.* [*< ON visk, a brush*] 1 a brushing with a quick, light, sweeping motion 2 such a motion 3 a kitchen utensil of wire loops in a handle, for whipping cream, etc. —*vt.* to move, carry, brush (*away, off, out*, etc.) with a quick, sweeping motion —*vi.* to move quickly or nimbly

**whisk broom** a small, short-handled broom for brushing clothes, etc.

**whisk-er** (hwhisk'ər) *n.* 1 [*pl.*] the hair growing on a man's face, esp. on the cheeks 2 any of the long, bristly hairs on the upper lip of a cat, rat, etc. 3 a very small amount or margin

**whis-key** (hwhisk'kē) *n., pl. -keys or -kies* [*< Ir uisce, water + beathadh, life*] a strong alcoholic liquor distilled from the fermented mash of grain: also sp. **whis-ky**, *pl. -kies*: in general, U.S. and Irish usage favors *whiskey*, and Brit. and Cdn. usage favors *whisky*

**whis-per** (hwhisk'pər) *vi., vt.* [*< OE hwis-prian*] 1 to speak or say very softly, esp. without vibrating the vocal cords 2 to talk or tell furtively, as in gossiping 3 to make a rustling sound —*n.* 1 a whispering 2 something whispered 3 a soft, rustling sound

**whist** (hwist) *n.* [*< earlier whisk*] a card game that is the forerunner of bridge

**whis-tle** (hwhisk'al) *vi. -tled, -tling* [*OE hwistlian*] 1 to make a clear, shrill sound as by blowing through puckered lips 2 to move with a shrill sound, as the wind does 3 *a*) to blow a whistle *b*) to have its whistle blown [*the train whistled*] —*vt.* 1 to produce (a tune, etc.) by whistling 2 to signal, etc. by whistling —*n.* 1 a device for making whistling sounds 2 a whistling — **whis'tler** *n.*

**whis'tle-blow'er** *n.* one who informs on a wrongdoer

**whis'tle-stop'** *n.* 1 a small town 2 a brief stop in a small town on a tour

**whit** (hwit) *n.* [*< OE wiht, wight*] the least bit; jot

**white** (hwit) *adj.* **whit'er, whit'est** [*OE hwit*] 1 having the color of pure snow or milk; opposite to black 2 of a light or pale color 3 pale; wan 4 lacking color 5 pure; innocent 6 [*sometimes W-*] having a light-colored skin; Caucasoid —*n.* 1 *a*) white color *b*) a white pigment 2 a white or light-colored part, as the albumen of an egg or the white part of the eyeball 3 [*sometimes W-*] a person with a light-colored skin —**white'ness** *n.*

**white blood cell** (or **corpuscle**) LEUKOCYTE

**white'-bread'** *adj.* [*Inf.*] 1 of or like the white middle class, its values, etc. 2 bland, conventional, etc.

**white'cap'** *n.* a wave with its crest broken into white foam

**white'-col'lar** *adj.* designating or of office or professional workers

**white-collar crime** fraud, embezzlement, etc., committed by a person in business, government, or a profession

**white elephant** 1 an albino elephant 2 something of little use, but expensive to maintain 3 any object no longer wanted by its owner, but possibly useful to another

**white'fish'** *n., pl. -fish' or (for different species) -fish'es* a white or silvery, edible fish, found in cool lakes of the Northern Hemisphere

**white flag** a white banner or cloth hoisted as a signal of truce or surrender

**white gold** a gold alloy that looks like platinum

**white goods** 1 household linens, as sheets and towels 2 large household appliances, as refrigerators and stoves

**white heat** 1 a temperature at which material glows white 2 a state of intense emotion, excitement, etc. —



**white'-hot' adj.**

**White'horse'** capital of the Yukon Territory, Canada: pop. 19,000

**White House, the** 1 official residence of the President of the U.S. in Washington, DC 2 the executive branch of the U.S. government

**white lead** a poisonous, white powder, lead carbonate, used in paint

**white lie** a lie about a trivial matter, often told to spare someone's feelings

**white metal** any of various light-colored alloys, esp. one containing much lead or tin, as pewter

**whit-en** (hwit'n) *vt.*; *vi.* to make or become white or whiter —**whit'en-er** *n.* —**whit'en-ing** *n.*

**white'-out' n.** [*< Wite-Out*, a trademark] a quick-drying, white fluid that is brushed on to cover printed errors and allow for corrections

**white paper** 1 an official government report 2 any in-depth, authoritative report

**white sale** a sale of household linens

**white slave** a woman forced into prostitution for the profit of others —**white slavery**

**white'wall' adj.** designating or of a tire with a circular white band on the side —*n.* such a tire

**white'wash' n.** 1 a mixture of lime, chalk, water, etc., as for whitening walls, etc. 2 a concealing of faults in order to exonerate —*vt.* 1 to cover with whitewash 2 to conceal the faults of 3 [*Inf.*] *Sports* to defeat (an opponent) soundly

**white'-wa'ter adj.** of or having to do with recreational kayaking, rafting, etc. on rivers with rapids, fast currents, etc. (**white water**)

**whith-er** (hwith'ər) [*Now Rare*] *adv.* [*OE hwider*] to what place, condition, result, etc.? —*conj.* 1 to which place, result, etc. 2 wherever

**whit-ing**<sup>1</sup> (hwit'in) *n.* [*< MDu wit*, white] any of various unrelated food fishes of North America, Europe, etc.

**whit-ing**<sup>2</sup> (hwit'in) *n.* [*ME hwiting*] powdered chalk used in paints, etc.

**whit'ish adj.** somewhat white

**Whit-man** (hwit'mən), **Walt(er)** 1819-92; U.S. poet

**Whit-ney** (hwit'nē), **Mount** mountain in EC California: 14,495 ft.

**Whit-sun-day** (hwit'sun'dā) *n.* [*OE Hwita Sunnandæg*, lit., white Sunday] PENTECOST

**whit-tle** (hwit'l) *vt.* -tled, -tling [*< OE thwitan*, to cut] 1 *a*) to cut thin shavings from (wood) with a knife *b*) to carve (an object) thus 2 to reduce gradually —*vi.* to whittle wood

**whiz** or **whizz** (hwiz) *vi.* whizzed, whiz'zing [*echoic*] 1 to move swiftly with a buzzing or hissing sound 2 to make this sound —*n.* 1 this sound 2 [*Slang*] an expert [*a whiz at football*]

**who** (hō) *pron.* [*OE hwa*] 1 what or which person or persons [*who is he? I asked who he was*] 2 the person or persons that, or a person that [*a man who knows*]

**WHO** *abbrev.* World Health Organization

**whoa** (hwō) *interj.* stop!: used esp. in directing a horse to stand still

**who-dun-it** (hō dun'it) *n.* [*< WHO + DONE + IT*] [*Inf.*] a mystery novel, play, etc.

**who-ev'er** *pron.* 1 any person that 2 no matter who [*whoever* said it, it's not so] 3 who?: an emphatic usage [*whoever* told you that?]

**whole** (hōl) *adj.* [*OE hal*] 1 healthy; not diseased or injured 2 not broken, damaged, etc.; intact 3 containing all the parts; complete 4 not divided up; in a single unit 5 not a fraction —*n.* 1 the entire amount 2 a thing complete in itself —**on the whole** in general —**whole'ness** *n.*

**whole'heart'ed adj.** with all one's energy, enthusiasm, etc.; sincere

**whole'-hog' adj., adv.** [*Slang*] without reservation; complete(ly)

**whole milk** milk from which no butterfat, etc. has been removed

**whole note** *Music* a note having four times the duration of a quarter note

**whole'sale' n.** the selling of goods in large quantities and at lower prices, esp. to retailers —*adj.* 1 of or having to do with such selling 2 extensive or indiscriminate [*wholesale criticism*] —*adv.* 1 at wholesale prices 2 extensively or indiscriminately —*vt., vi.* -saled', -sal'ing to sell wholesale —**whole'sal'er** *n.*

**whole'some adj.** [*ME holsom*] 1 promoting good health or well-being; healthful 2 improving the mind or character 3 healthy; sound —**whole'some-ness** *n.*

**whole tone** *Music* an interval consisting of two adjacent semitones: also **whole step**

**whole'-wheat' adj.** ground from whole kernels of wheat or made of flour so ground

**whol-ly** (hōl'lē) *adv.* to the whole amount or extent; totally; entirely

**whom** (hōm) *pron.* objective case of WHO

**whom-ev'er** (-ev'ər) *pron.* objective case of WHOEVER

**whoop** (hwōp, wōp, hōp) *n.* [*< ? OFr houper*, cry out] 1 a loud shout, cry, etc., as of joy 2 the convulsive intake of air following a fit of coughing in whooping cough —*vt., vi.* to utter (with) a whoop or whoops

**whoop-ing cough** (hōp'in, hwōp'-) an acute infectious disease, esp. of children, with coughing fits that end in a whoop

**whop-per** (hwäp'ər, wäp'ər) *n.* [*< inf. whop*, to beat] [*Inf.*] 1 anything extraordinarily large 2 a great lie

**whop'ping adj.** [*Inf.*] extraordinarily large

**whore** (hōr) *n.* [*OE hore*] a prostitute —**whor'ish** *adj.*

**who're** (hō'ər) *contr.* who are

**whorl** (hwōrl, hwarl) *n.* [*ME whorwyl*]



anything with a coiled or spiral appearance, as any of the circular ridges that form the patterns of a fingerprint — **whorled adj.**

**who's** (hōōz) *contr.* 1 who is 2 who has  
**whose** (hōōz) *pron.* [OE *hwæs*] that or those belonging to whom — *poss. pronominal adj.* of, belonging to, or done by whom or which

**who-so-ev-er** (hōō'sō ev'ər) *pron.* whoever

**why** (hwī, wī) *adv.* [OE *hwæt*, what] for what reason, cause, or purpose? [*why eat?*] — *conj.* 1 because of which [no reason *why* you shouldn't go] 2 the reason for which [that is *why* he went] — *n., pl.* **whys** the reason; cause — *interj.* an exclamation of surprise, impatience, etc.

**WI** Wisconsin

**Wich-i-ta** (wich'ə tō') city in S Kansas: pop. 304,000

**wick** (wik) *n.* [OE *weoca*] a piece of cord, etc., as in a candle or oil lamp, that absorbs the fuel and, when lighted, burns

**wick-ed** (wik'id) *adj.* [ME < *wikke*, evil] 1 morally bad; evil 2 generally bad, unpleasant, etc. [a *wicked* storm] 3 mischievous 4 [Slang] showing great skill — **wick'ed-ly adv.** — **wick'ed-ness n.**

**wick-er** (wik'ər) *n.* [ < Scand] 1 a thin, flexible twig 2 *a)* such twigs or long, woody strips woven together, as in making baskets *b)* WICKERWORK (sense 1) — *adj.* made of wicker

**wick'er-work'** *n.* 1 things made of wicker 2 WICKER (*n.* 2a)

**wick-et** (wik'it) *n.* [ME *wiket*] 1 a small door or gate, esp. one in or near a larger one 2 a small window, as in a box office 3 *Croquet* any of the small wire arches through which balls are hit

**wide** (wīd) *adj.* **wid'er, wid'est** [OE *wīd*] 1 extending over a large area, esp. from side to side 2 of a specified extent from side to side 3 of great extent [a *wide* variety] 4 open fully [eyes *wide* with fear] 5 far from the point, etc. aimed at: usually with *of* [*wide* of the target] — *adv.* 1 over a relatively large area 2 to a large or full extent [*wide* open] 3 so as to miss the point, etc. aimed at; astray — **wide'ly adv.** — **wide'ness n.**

**-wide** (wīd) *combining form* existing or extending throughout [*statewide*]

**wide'-an'gle** *adj.* designating or of a camera lens having a wider than ordinary angle of view

**wide'-a-wake'** *adj.* 1 completely awake 2 alert

**wide'-eyed'** *adj.* 1 with the eyes opened widely, as in surprise or fear 2 naive or unsophisticated

**wid-en** (wīd'n) *vt., vi.* to make or become wider

**wide'-o'-pen** *adj.* 1 opened wide 2 having no or few legal restrictions against prostitution, gambling, etc. [a *wide-open* city]

**wide'spread'** *adj.* occurring over a wide

area

**widg-eon** (wij'an) *n.* *alt. sp. of* WIGEON

**wid-ow** (wid'ō) *n.* [OE *widewe*] a woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried — *vt.* to cause to become a widow — **wid'ow-hood' n.**

**wid'ow-er** *n.* a man whose wife has died and who has not remarried

**width** (width) *n.* 1 distance from side to side 2 a piece of a certain width [two *widths* of cloth]

**wield** (wēld) *vt.* [OE *wealdan*] 1 to handle (a tool, etc.), esp. with skill 2 to exercise (power, influence, etc.)

**wie-ner** (wē'nər) *n.* [ < Ger *Wiener wurst*, Vienna sausage] a smoked link sausage; frankfurter: also [Inf.] **wie'nie** (-nē)

**wife** (wif) *n., pl.* **wives** [OE *wif*, woman] a married woman — **wife'less adj.** — **wife'ly adj.**

**wig** (wig) *n.* [ < PERIWIG] a covering of real or synthetic hair worn as to hide baldness — *vt.* **wigged, wig'ging** 1 to furnish with a wig 2 [Slang] *a)* to annoy, upset, etc. *b)* to make excited, crazy, etc. (often with *out*) — *vi.* [Slang] to be or become upset, excited, etc.: often with *out*

**wi-geon** (wij'an) *n.* [prob. < L *vipio*, small crane] any of certain wild, freshwater ducks

**wig-gle** (wig'al) *vt., vi.* **-gled, -gling** [ME *wigelen*] to move or cause to move with short, jerky motions from side to side — *n.* a wiggling — **wig'gler n.** — **wig'gly, -gli-er, -gli-est, adj.**

**wight** (wit) *n.* [OE *wiht*] [Archaic] a human being

**wig-let** (wig'lit) *n.* a small wig

**wig-wag** (wig'wag') *vt., vi.* **-wagged', -wag'ging** [ < obs. *wig*, to move + WAG<sup>1</sup>] 1 to move back and forth; wag 2 to send (a message) by a visible code — *n.* the sending of messages in this way

**wig-wam** (wig'wäm') *n.* [ < Algonquian] a North American Indian dwelling of a dome-shaped framework of poles covered with mats or bark

**wild** (wīld) *adj.* [OE *wilde*] 1 living or growing in its original, natural state 2 not lived in or cultivated; waste 3 not civilized; savage 4 not easily controlled [a *wild* child] 5 lacking social or moral restraint; dissolute [a *wild* time] 6 turbulent; stormy 7 enthusiastic [*wild* about golf] 8 fantastically impractical; reckless 9 missing the target [a *wild* shot] 10 *Card Games* having any desired value: said of a card — *adv.* in a wild manner — *n.* [usually *pl.*] a wilderness or wasteland — **wild'ly adv.** — **wild'ness n.**

**wild'cat'** *n.* 1 any fierce, medium-sized, undomesticated cat, as the bobcat, ocelot, etc. 2 an oil well in a previously unproductive area — *adj.* 1 unsound or risky 2 illegal or unauthorized [a *wild-cat* strike] — *vi.* **-cat'ted, -cat'ting** to drill for oil in a previously unproductive area

**wil-de-beest** (wil'də bēst', vil'-) *n.* [Afrik] GNU

**wil-der-ness** (wil'dər nis) *n.* [ < OE *wilde*, wild + *deor*, animal] an unculti-



vated region

**wild'-eyed' adj.** 1 staring in a wild or demented way 2 very foolish or impractical

**wild'fire' n.** a fire that spreads widely and rapidly

**wild'flower' n.** 1 any flowering plant growing wild in fields, etc. 2 its flower Also *wild flower*

**wild'fowl' n., pl.** -fowls' or -fowl' a wild bird, esp. a game bird: also *wild fowl*

**wild'-goose' chase** a futile search or pursuit

**wild'life' n.** wild animals and birds

**wild oats** a wild grass common in the U.S. —*sow one's wild oats* to be promiscuous or dissolute in one's youth

**wild rice** 1 an aquatic grass of the U.S. and Canada 2 its edible grain

**Wild West** [also *w- W-*] the western U.S. in its early frontier period of lawlessness

**wile** (wil) *n.* [*< OE wigle, magic*] 1 a sly trick; stratagem 2 a beguiling trick: usually used in *pl.* —*vt.* *wiled, wil'ing* to beguile; lure —*wile away* to while away (time, etc.)

**wil·ful** (wil'fəl) *adj.* *alt. sp. of WILLFUL*

**Wilkes-Bar·re** (wilks'bar'ē) city in NE Pennsylvania: pop. 48,000

**will**<sup>1</sup> (wil) *n.* [*OE willa*] 1 the power of making a reasoned choice or of controlling one's own actions 2 determination 3 attitude toward others [a man of good *will*] 4 *a)* a particular desire, choice, etc. of someone *b)* mandate [the *will* of the people] 5 a legal document directing the disposal of one's property after death —*vt.* 1 to desire; want [to *will* to live] 2 to control by the power of the will 3 to bequeath by a will —*vi.* to wish, desire, or choose —*at will* when one wishes

**will**<sup>2</sup> (wil) *v. aux. pt.* *would* [*OE willan, to desire*] 1 used to indicate simple future time [when *will* she arrive?] 2 used to express determination, obligation, etc. [you *will* listen to me] 3 used in polite questions [will you have some wine?] 4 used to express habit, expectation, etc. [they *will* talk for hours] 5 used to express possibility

**USAGE**—the distinction between **WILL**<sup>2</sup> (for second and third person subjects) and **SHALL** (for the first person) in expressing simple future time or determination, etc. is today virtually nonexistent in North American English; **WILL**<sup>2</sup> and **SHALL** and their respective past tenses **WOULD** and **SHOULD** are usually interchangeable, with **WILL**<sup>2</sup> (and **WOULD**) being the preferred form in all persons

**will'ful** (-fəl) *adj.* 1 said or done deliberately 2 doing as one pleases —*will'ful·ly adv.* —*will'ful·ness n.*

**Wil·liam I** (wil'yəm) 1027?-87; duke of Normandy who invaded England: king of England (1066-87): called *William the Conqueror*

**Wil·liams·burg** (wil'yəmz bərg') city in SE Virginia, restored to its 18th-c. look: pop. 12,000

**wil·lies** (wil'ēz) *pl. n.* [*< ?*] [Slang] a nervous feeling; jitters: with *the*

**will'ing adj.** 1 favorably disposed; consenting [*willing* to play] 2 acting, giving, etc. or done, given, etc. readily and cheerfully —*will'ing·ly adv.* —*will'ing·ness n.*

**wil·li·waw** or **wil'ly·waw'** (wil'i wō') *n.* 1 a violent, cold wind blowing from mountain passes toward the coast 2 confusion; turmoil

**will-o'-the-wisp** (wil'ə thə wisp') *n.* a delusive hope or goal

**wil·low** (wil'ō) *n.* [*OE welig*] 1 a tree with narrow leaves, and flexible twigs used in weaving baskets, etc. 2 its wood

**wil'low·y adj.** like a willow; slender, lithe, etc.

**will'pow·er n.** strength of will, mind, or determination; self-control

**wil·ly·nil·ly** (wil'ē nil'ē) *adv., adj.* [*contr. < will I, nill I: nill < OE nyllan, be unwilling*] 1 (happening) whether one wishes it or not 2 in a disordered way; helter-skelter

**Wil·son** (wil'sən), (Thomas) **Wood·row** (wood'rō) 1856-1924; 28th president of the U.S. (1913-21)

**wilt** (wilt) *vi.* [*< obs. welk, to wither*] 1 to become limp, as from heat or lack of water; droop: said of plants 2 to become weak or faint; lose strength or courage —*vt.* to cause to wilt

**Wil·ton** (carpet or rug) (wilt'n) [after *Wilton, England*] a kind of carpet with a velvety pile of cut loops

**wil·y** (wī'lē) *adj.* -i·er, -i·est full of wiles; crafty; sly —*wil'i·ness n.*

**wimp** (wimp) *n.* [*< ?*] [Slang] a weak, ineffectual, or insipid person —*wimp'ish adj.* —*wimp'y, -i·er, -i·est, adj.*

**wim·ple** (wim'pəl) *n.* [*OE wimpel*] a nun's head covering that leaves only the face exposed

**win** (win) *vi.* *won, win'ning* [*< OE winnan, to fight*] 1 *a)* to gain a victory *b)* to finish first in a race, etc. 2 to succeed in reaching a specified condition or place; get [to *win* back to health] —*vt.* 1 to get by labor, struggle, etc. 2 to be victorious in (a contest, etc.) 3 to get to with effort [they *won* the camp by noon] 4 to prevail upon; persuade: often with *over* 5 to gain (the sympathy, favor, etc.) of (someone) 6 to persuade to marry one —*n.* a victory

**wince** (wins) *vi.* *winced, winc'ing* [*< OFr guenchir*] to shrink or draw back slightly, usually with a grimace, as in pain —*n.* a wincing

**winch** (winch) *n.* [*OE wince*] 1 a crank with a handle for transmitting motion 2 a machine for hoisting, etc. using a cylinder upon which is wound the rope, etc. attached to an object

**Win·ches·ter** (win'ches'tər) [after O. F. Winchester (1810-80), the manufacturer] trademark for a type of repeating rifle

**wind**<sup>1</sup> (wind) *vt.* *wound* or [Rare] *wind'ed, wind'ing* [*OE windan*] 1 to turn [to *wind* a crank] 2 to coil into a ball or around something else; twine 3



to cover by entwining 4 *a*) to make (one's way) in a twisting course *b*) to cause to move in a twisting course 5 to tighten the spring of (a clock, etc.) as by turning a stem: often with *up* —*vi.* 1 to move or go in a curving or sinuous manner 2 to take a devious course 3 to coil (*about* or *around* something) —*n.* a turn; twist —**wind down** 1 to bring or come to an end 2 to become relaxed; unwind —**wind up** 1 to wind into a ball, etc. 2 to bring to an end; settle 3 to make very tense, excited, etc. 4 *Baseball* to perform a WINDUP (sense 2) —**wind'er** *n.*

**wind**<sup>2</sup> (wind) *n.* [OE] 1 air in motion 2 a strong current of air; gale 3 air bearing a scent, as in hunting 4 air regarded as bearing information, etc. [a rumor in the *wind*] 5 breath or the power of breathing 6 empty talk 7 [*pl.*] the wind instruments of an orchestra —*vt.* 1 to get the scent of 2 to put out of breath —**break wind** to expel gas from the bowels —**get wind of** to hear of —**in the wind** happening or about to happen

**wind-bag** (wind'bag') *n.* [Inf.] one who talks much but says little of importance

**wind'break** *n.* a hedge, fence, etc. serving as a protection from wind

**Wind'break'er** *trademark* for a warm jacket with closefitting waistband and cuffs

**wind'burn** *n.* a reddened, sore skin condition, caused by overexposure to the wind

**wind'chill** *factor* an estimated measure of the cooling effect of air and wind on exposed skin

**wind chimes** (or *bells*) a cluster of small chimes or pendants hung so that they strike one another and tinkle when blown by the wind

**wind-ed** (win'did) *adj.* out of breath

**wind-fall** (wind'fôl') *n.* an unexpected gain, stroke of good luck, etc.

**wind farm** a network of modern, high-speed windmills for generating electricity

**wind-ing sheet** (win'din) a shroud

**wind instrument** (wind) a musical instrument sounded by blowing air through it, as a flute

**wind-jam-mer** (wind'jam'er) *n.* a large sailing ship or one of its crew

**wind-lass** (wind'læs) *n.* [ < ON *vinda*, to WIND<sup>1</sup> + *ass*, a beam] a winch, esp. one worked by a crank



WINDLASS

**wind'mill** *n.* 1 a mill operated by the wind's rotation of large vanes radiating

from a shaft 2 a device like this, as one to harness wind power

**win-dow** (win'dō) *n.* [ < ON *vindr*, WIND<sup>2</sup> + *auga*, an eye] 1 an opening in a building, vehicle, etc. for letting in light, air, etc. usually having a pane of glass in a movable frame 2 a window-pane 3 an opening resembling a window 4 the interval during which something can be done

**window box** a long, narrow box on or outside a window ledge, for growing plants

**window dressing** 1 the display of goods in a store window 2 that which is meant to make something seem better than it really is —**win'dow-dress** *vt.* —**window dresser**

**win'dow-pane** *n.* a pane of glass in a window

**win'dow-shop** *vi.* -shopped', -shop'ping to look at goods in store windows without entering to buy

**win'dow-sill** *n.* the sill of a window

**wind-pipe** (wind'pîp') *n.* TRACHEA

**wind'row** (-rō') *n.* a row of hay, etc. raked together to dry

**wind shear** a sudden change in wind direction, esp., dangerous vertical wind shifts

**wind'shield** *n.* in automobiles, etc., a glass screen, in front, to protect from wind, etc.

**wind'sock** *n.* a long, cloth cone flown at an airfield to show wind direction: also **wind sleeve**

**Wind-sor** (win'zər) port in SE Ontario, Canada: pop. 198,000

**Windsor knot** a double slipknot in a four-in-hand necktie

**wind'storm** *n.* a storm with a strong wind but little or no rain, hail, etc.

**wind'surf** *vi.* to ride for sport on a kind of surfboard with a pivoting sail —**wind'surfing** *n.*

**wind tunnel** a tunnel-like chamber through which air is forced, for testing the effects of wind pressure on aircraft, motor vehicles, etc.

**wind-up** (wînd'up') *n.* 1 a conclusion; end 2 *Baseball* the motion of the pitcher leading up to throwing the ball

**wind-ward** (wind'wərd) *n.* the direction from which the wind blows —*adv.* toward the wind —*adj.* 1 moving windward 2 on the side from which the wind blows

**Windward Islands** S group of islands in the West Indies, south of the Leeward Islands

**wind-y** (win'dē) *adj.* -i-er, -i-est 1 with much wind [a *windy* city] 2 stormy, blustery, etc. 3 long-winded, pompous, etc. —**wind'i-ness** *n.*

**wine** (wîn) *n.* [ < L *vinum*] the fermented juice of grapes, etc., used as an alcoholic beverage —*vt.*, *vi.* **wined**, **win'ing** usually in the phrase **wine and dine**, to entertain lavishly

**wine'-col'ored** *adj.* dark purplish-red

**win-er-y** (wîn'ər ē) *n.*, *pl.* -ies an establishment where wine is made

**wing** (wîŋ) *n.* [ON *vaengr*] 1 either of the paired organs of flight of a bird, bat,



insect, etc. 2 something like a wing in use, position, etc., esp., a) a (or the) main lateral supporting surface of an airplane b) a subordinate, projecting part of a building c) either side of the stage out of sight of the audience 3 the section of an army, fleet, etc. to the right (or left) of the center 4 a section, as of a political party, with reference to its radicalism or conservatism 5 a unit in an air force —*vt.* 1 to provide with wings 2 a) to send swiftly as on wings b) to make (one's way) by flying c) to pass through or over, as by flying 3 to wound in the wing, arm, etc. —*vi.* to fly —*on the wing* (while) flying —*take wing* to fly away —*under one's wing* under one's protection, etc. —*wing* it [Inf.] to improvise in acting, etc. —*winged* (wind; poet. win'id) *adj.* —*wingless* *adj.*

**wing'ding'** (-ding') *n.* [*< ?*] [Slang] an event, party, etc. that is very festive, lively, etc.

**wing'span'** *n.* 1 the distance between the tips of an airplane's wings 2 WING-SPREAD (sense 1)

**wing'spread'** *n.* 1 the distance between the tips of fully spread wings 2 WINGSPAN

**wink** (wink) *vi.* [OE *wincian*] 1 to close the eyelids and open them again quickly 2 to close and open one eyelid quickly, as a signal, etc. 3 to twinkle —*vt.* to make (an eye) wink —*n.* 1 a winking 2 an instant 3 a signal given by winking 4 a twinkle —*wink at* to pretend not to see

**win·ner** (win'ər) *n.* one that wins

**win·ning** (win'ing) *adj.* 1 victorious 2 attractive; charming —*n.* 1 a victory 2 [pl.] money won

**Win·ni·peg** (win'ə peg') capital of Manitoba, Canada: pop. 618,000

**win·now** (win'ō) *vt., vi.* [*< OE wind, WIND<sup>2</sup>*] 1 to blow (chaff) from (grain) 2 to scatter 3 to sift out

**win·o** (wī'nō) *n., pl. -os* [Slang] an alcoholic who drinks cheap wine

**win·some** (win'səm) *adj.* [OE *wynsum*, pleasant] sweetly attractive; charming —*win'some-ly* *adv.*

**Win·ston·Sa·lem** (win'stən sā'ləm) city in NC North Carolina: pop. 143,000

**win·ter** (win'tər) *n.* [OE] 1 the coldest season of the year, following autumn 2 a period of decline, distress, etc. —*adj.* of, during, or for winter —*vi.* to pass the winter —*vt.* to keep, feed, etc. during winter

**win'ter·green'** *n.* 1 an evergreen plant with white flowers and red berries 2 an aromatic oil (oil of wintergreen) made from its leaves and used as a flavoring 3 the flavor

**win'ter·ize'** *vt. -ized', -iz'ing* to put into condition for winter

**win'ter·kill'** *vt., vi.* to kill or die by exposure to winter cold or excessive snow and ice —*n.* the process or an instance of winterkilling

**win'ter·time'** *n.* the winter season

**win·try** (win'trē) *adj. -tri-er, -tri-est* of or like winter; cold, bleak, etc. [a wintry day]

**win'-win'** *adj.* designating or of a situation from which all possible outcomes are satisfactory

**win·y** (wī'nē) *adj. -i-er, -i-est* like wine in taste, smell, color, etc.

**wipe** (wip) *vt.* wiped, wip'ing [OE *wipian*] 1 to clean or dry by rubbing with a cloth, etc. 2 to rub (a cloth, etc.) over something 3 to apply or remove by wiping —*n.* a wiping —**wipe out** 1 to remove; erase 2 to kill off 3 to destroy —*wip'er* *n.*

**wiped'-out'** *adj.* [Slang] exhausted

**wire** (wir) *n.* [OE *wir*] 1 metal drawn into a long thread 2 a length of this 3 a telegram 4 the finish line of a horse race —*adj.* made of wire —*vt.* wired, wir'ing 1 to furnish, connect, etc. with wire 2 to telegraph —*vi.* to telegraph

**wired** (wīrd) *adj.* [Slang] 1 provided with concealed electronic listening or recording equipment 2 extremely excited, nervous, etc.

**wire'hair'** *n.* a fox terrier with a wiry coat: also called wire'-haired' terrier

**wire'less** (-lis) *adj.* operating by electromagnetic waves, not with conducting wire —*n.* 1 wireless telegraphy or telephony 2 [Chiefly Brit.] old-fashioned term for RADIO

**wire service** an agency sending news electronically to subscribing newspapers, etc.

**wire'tap'** *vi., vt. -tapped', -tap'ing* to tap (a telephone wire, etc.) to get information secretly —*n.* 1 a wiretapping 2 a device for wiretapping

**wir'ing** *n.* a system of wires, as to provide a house with electricity

**wir·y** (wīr'ē) *adj. -i-er, -i-est* 1 of wire 2 like wire; stiff 3 lean and strong —*wir'i-ness* *n.*

**Wis·con·sin** (wis kăn'sən) Midwestern state of the U.S.: 56,154 sq. mi.; pop. 4,892,000; cap. Madison: abbrev. WI —*Wis-con'sin-ite'* *n.*

**wis·dom** (wiz'dəm) *n.* [OE: see WISE<sup>1</sup> & -DOM] 1 the quality of being wise; good judgment 2 learning; knowledge

**wisdom tooth** the back tooth on each side of each jaw

**wise<sup>1</sup>** (wiz) *adj. wis'er, wis'est* [OE *wis*] 1 having or showing good judgment 2 informed [none the wiser] 3 learned 4 shrewd; cunning 5 [Slang] conceited, impudent, fresh, etc. —*wise'ly* *adv.*

**wise<sup>2</sup>** (wiz) *n.* [OE] way; manner

**-wise** (wiz) [*< prec.*] *suffix* 1 in a (specified) direction, position, or manner [lengthwise] 2 in a manner characteristic of [clockwise] 3 with regard to [budgetwise]

**wise·a·cre** (wiz'ā'kər) *n.* [ult. < OHG *wizzago*, prophet] one who makes annoyingly conceited claims to knowledge

**wise'crack'** [Slang] *n.* a flippant or facetious remark —*vi.* to make wisecracks

**wish** (wish) *vt.* [OE *wyscan*] 1 to have a longing for; want 2 to express a desire concerning [I wish you well] 3 to request [I wish you to go] —*vi.* 1 to



long; yearn 2 to make a wish —*n.* 1 a wishing 2 something wished for 3 a polite request, almost an order 4 [*pl.*] expressed desire for a person's health, etc. [*best wishes*] —*wish'er n.*

**wish'bone' n.** the forked bone in front of a bird's breastbone

**wish'ful** (-fəl) *adj.* having or showing a wish; desirous —*wish'ful-ly adv.*

**wish-y-wash-y** (wish'ē wōsh'ē) *adj.* [*Inf.*] 1 weak; feeble 2 vacillating; indecisive

**wisp** (wisp) *n.* [[prob. < Scand]] 1 a small bundle, as of straw 2 a thin or filmy piece, strand, etc. [*a wisp of smoke*] 3 something delicate, frail, etc. —*wisp'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.*

**wis-te-ri-a** (wis tir'ē ə) *n.* [[after C. Wistar (1761-1818), U.S. anatomist]] a twining vine with showy clusters of flowers: also *wis-tar'i-a* (-ter'-)

**wist'ful** (wist'fəl) *adj.* [[< earlier *wistly*, attentive]] showing or expressing vague yearnings —*wist'ful-ly adv.* —*wist'ful-ness n.*

**wit<sup>1</sup>** (wit) *n.* [[OE]] 1 [*pl.*] powers of thinking; mental faculties 2 good sense 3 *a*) the ability to make clever remarks in a sharp, amusing way *b*) one characterized by wit

**wit<sup>2</sup>** (wit) *vt., vi.* *wist* (wist), *wit'ting* [[OE *witan*]] [*Archaic*] to know —to wit that is to say; namely

**witch** (wich) *n.* [[OE *wicce*]] 1 a woman thought to have supernatural power as by a compact with evil spirits 2 an ugly, old shrew 3 [*Inf.*] a fascinating woman or girl

**witch'craft' n.** the power or practices of witches

**witch doctor** in certain primitive societies, one thought able to cure sickness, ward off evil, etc. by using magic or incantations

**witch'er-y** (-ər ē) *n., pl. -ies* 1 witchcraft; sorcery 2 bewitching charm

**witch hazel** [[< OE *wice*]] 1 a shrub with yellow flowers 2 a lotion made from its leaves and bark, used on inflammations, etc.

**witch hunt** [[so named in allusion to persecutions of persons alleged to be witches]] a highly publicized investigation carried out ostensibly to uncover disloyalty, etc., relying upon little evidence

**with** (*with*, *with*) *prep.* [[OE]] 1 in opposition to [*to argue with a friend*] 2 *a*) alongside of; near to *b*) in the company of *c*) into; among [*mix blue with yellow*] 3 as a member of [*to play with a string quartet*] 4 concerning [*happy with his lot*] 5 compared to 6 as well as [*she rides with the best*] 7 in the opinion of [*it's OK with me*] 8 as a result of [*faint with hunger*] 9 by means of 10 having received [*with your consent, I'll go*] 11 having as a possession, attribute, etc. 12 in the keeping, care, etc. of [*leave it with me*] 13 in spite of 14 at the same time as 15 in proportion to [*wages that vary with skill*] 16 to; onto [*join one end*

*with the other*] 17 from [*to part with one's gains*] —*with that* after, or as a consequence of, that

**with-** *combining form* 1 away, back [*withdraw*] 2 against, from [*withhold*]

**with-al** (*with* ôl', *with-*) *adv.* 1 besides 2 despite that

**with-draw'** *vt.* -*drew'*, -*drawn'*, -*draw'ing* 1 to take back; remove 2 to retract or recall (a statement, etc.) —*vi.* 1 to move back; go away; retreat 2 to remove oneself (*from* an organization, activity, etc.)

**with-draw'al n.** 1 the act of withdrawing 2 the process of giving up a narcotic drug, typically accompanied by distressing physical and mental effects (*withdrawal symptoms*)

**with-drawn'** *vt., vi. pp. of WITHDRAW* —*adj.* shy; reserved, etc.

**withe** (*with*, *with*) *n.* [[< OE *withthe*]] a tough, flexible twig of willow, osier, etc., used for binding

**with-er** (*with'*ər) *vi.* [[< ME *wederen*, to weather]] 1 to dry up; wilt, as plants 2 to become wasted or decayed 3 to weaken; languish —*vt.* 1 to cause to wither 2 to cause to feel abashed

**with-ers** (*with'*ərz) *pl. n.* [[< OE *withēr*, against]] the part of a horse's back between the shoulder blades

**with-hold** (*with* hōld', *with-*) *vt.* -*held'*, -*hold'ing* 1 *a*) to hold back; restrain *b*) to deduct (taxes, etc.) from wages 2 to refrain from granting

**withholding tax** the amount of income tax withheld, as payment in advance, from an employee's pay

**with-in** (*with* in', *with-*) *adv.* [[OE *withinnan*]] 1 on or into the inside 2 indoors 3 inside the body, mind, etc. —*prep.* 1 in the inner part of 2 not beyond 3 inside the limits of —*n.* the inside

**with'-it** (-it) *adj.* [*Slang*] 1 sophisticated, up-to-date, etc. 2 fashionable; stylish

**with-out'** *adv.* [[OE *withutan*]] 1 on the outside 2 out-of-doors —*prep.* 1 [*Now Rare*] at, on, or to the outside of 2 lacking 3 free from 4 with avoidance of [*to pass by without speaking*]

**with-stand'** (-stand') *vt., vi.* -*stood'*, -*stand'ing* to oppose, resist, or endure, esp. successfully

**wit-less** (wit'lis) *adj.* lacking wit; foolish —*wit'less-ly adv.*

**wit-ness** (wit'nis) *n.* [[< OE *witan*, know]] 1 evidence; testimony 2 one who saw, or can give a firsthand account of, something 3 one who testifies in court 4 one who observes, and attests to, a signing, etc. —*vt.* 1 to testify to 2 to serve as evidence of 3 to act as witness of 4 to be present at —*bear witness* to testify

**wit-ti-cism** (wit'a siz'əm) *n.* [[< WITTY]] a witty remark

**wit-ting** (wit'in) *adj.* [[ME *wytting*]] intentional

**wit-ty** (wit'ē) *adj.* -*ti-er*, -*ti-est* [[OE *wit-tig*]] having or showing wit; cleverly amusing —*wit'ti-ly adv.* —*wit'ti-ness n.*

**wive** (wiv) *vi., vt.* *wived*, *wiv'ing* [[OE



**wifian** [Archaic] to marry (a woman)  
**wives** (wīvz) *n. pl.* of WIFE  
**wiz·ard** (wiz'ərd) *n.* [ME *wisard*] 1 a magician; sorcerer 2 [Inf.] one very skilled at a specified activity  
**wiz'ard·ry** *n.* magic; sorcery  
**wiz·ened** (wiz'ənd) *adj.* [< OE *wisnian*, wither] dried up; withered  
**wk** *abbrev.* 1 week 2 work  
**wkly.** *abbrev.* weekly  
**w/o** *abbrev.* without  
**wob·ble** (wäb'al) *vi.* -bled, -bling [prob. < LowG *wabbeln*] 1 to move unsteadily from side to side 2 to shake 3 to vacillate —*vt.* to cause to wobble —*n.* wobbling motion —**wob'bly**, -bli·er, -bli·est, *adj.* —**wob'bli·ness** *n.*  
**woe** (wō) *n.* [OE *wa*] 1 great sorrow; grief 2 trouble —*interj.* alas!  
**woe'be·gone'** (-bē gōn', -bi-) *adj.* of woeful appearance; looking sad or wretched  
**woe'ful** (-fəl) *adj.* 1 full of woe; sad 2 causing woe 3 pitiful; wretched —**woe'ful·ly** *adv.*  
**wok** (wāk, wōk) *n.* [Chin] a bowl-shaped cooking pan used for frying, steaming, etc.  
**woke** (wōk) *vi., vt. alt. pt. of* WAKE<sup>1</sup>  
**wok·en** (wō'kən) *vi., vt. alt. pp. of* WAKE<sup>1</sup>  
**wolf** (woolf) *n., pl. wolves* (woolvz) [OE *wulf*] 1 a wild, flesh-eating, doglike mammal of the Northern Hemisphere 2 a) a cruel or greedy person b) [Slang] a man who flirts with many women —*vt.* to eat greedily: often with *down* —**cry wolf** to give a false alarm —**wolf'ish** *adj.*  
**wolf'hound'** *n.* a breed of large dog, once used for hunting wolves  
**wol·ver·ine** (wool'vər ēn') *n.* [< WOLF] a stocky, flesh-eating mammal of N North America and N Eurasia  
**wolves** (woolvz) *n. pl. of* WOLF  
**wom·an** (woom'an) *n., pl. wom·en* (wim'an) [< OE *wif*, a female + *mann*, human being] 1 a) an adult female human being b) women collectively 2 a female servant 3 womanly qualities  
**-wom·an** (woom'an) *combining form* woman of a (specified) kind, in a (specified) activity, etc.: sometimes used to avoid the masculine implications of -MAN  
**wom'an·hood'** *n.* 1 the state of being a woman 2 womanly qualities 3 women collectively  
**wom'an·ish** *adj.* like or characteristic of a woman  
**wom'an·ize'** *vt.* -ized', -iz'ing to make effeminate —*vi.* to be sexually promiscuous with women —**wom'an·iz'er** *n.*  
**wom'an·kind'** *n.* women in general  
**wom'an·ly** *adj.* 1 womanish 2 characteristic of or fit for a woman —**wom'an·li·ness** *n.*  
**womb** (wōm) *n.* [OE *wamb*] UTERUS  
**wom·bat** (wām'bat') *n.* [< native name] a burrowing marsupial resembling a small bear, found in Australia, etc.  
**wom·en** (wim'in) *n. pl. of* WOMAN  
**wom'en·folk'** *pl.n.* [Inf. or Dial.] women or womankind: also **wom'en·**

folks'

**won** (wun) *vi., vt. pt. & pp. of* WIN

**won·der** (wun'dər) *n.* [OE *wundor*] 1 a person, thing, or event causing astonishment and admiration; marvel 2 the feeling aroused by something strange, unexpected, etc. —*vi.* 1 to be filled with wonder; marvel 2 to have curiosity, sometimes mingled with doubt —*vt.* to have curiosity or doubt about [he *wondered* what happened]

**won'der·ful** *adj.* 1 that causes wonder; marvelous 2 excellent; fine, etc. —**won'der·ful·ly** *adv.*

**won'der·land'** *n.* any place, real or imaginary, full of wonders

**won'der·ment** *n.* amazement

**won·drous** (wun'drəs) *adj.* wonderful: now chiefly literary —*adv.* [Archaic] surprisingly

**wont** (wōnt, wōnt) *adj.* [< OE *wunian*, dwell] accustomed [she was *wont* to rise early] —*n.* usual practice; habit

**won't** (wōnt) *contr.* will not

**wont·ed** (wōn'tid, wōn'-) *adj.* customary

**won ton** (wān' tǎn') [Cantonese] Chinese dumplings of noodle dough filled with chopped meat, etc., often served in a soup (**won'-ton' soup**)

**woo** (wō) *vt.* [OE *wogian*] 1 to seek the love of, usually in order to propose marriage 2 to seek [to *woo* fame] —*vi.* to woo a person —**woo'er** *n.*

**wood** (wood) *n.* [OE *wudu*] 1 [usually *pl.*, with *sing. or pl. v.*] a thick growth of trees; forest 2 the hard, fibrous substance beneath the bark of trees and shrubs 3 lumber or timber 4 *Golf* any of certain clubs, originally with wooden heads —*adj.* 1 made of wood; wooden 2 growing or living in woods —**out of the woods** [Inf.] out of difficulty, danger, etc.

**wood alcohol** METHANOL

**wood'bine'** (-bīn') *n.* [< OE *wudu*, wood + *binde*, to bind] 1 a climbing honeysuckle 2 a climbing vine with dark-blue berries

**wood'carv'ing** *n.* 1 the art of carving wood by hand 2 an object so made —**wood'carv'er** *n.*

**wood'chuck'** *n.* [< AmInd name] a burrowing and hibernating marmot of North America



WOODCHUCK

**wood'cock'** *n.* a small game bird with short legs and a long bill

**wood'craft'** *n.* 1 matters relating to



the woods, as camping, hunting, etc. 2

## WOODWORKING

**wood'cut' n.** 1 a wooden block engraved with a design, etc. 2 a print from this

**wood'cut'ter n.** one who fells trees, cuts wood, etc. —**wood'cut'ting n.**

**wood'ed adj.** covered with trees

**wood'en adj.** 1 made of wood 2 stiff, lifeless, etc. 3 dull; insensitive —**wood'en-ly adv.**

**wood'land (-lənd, -lənd') n.** land covered with woods —**adj.** of the woods

**wood'lot' n.** a piece of land where trees are raised, as for firewood, lumber, etc.

**wood'peck'er (-pek'ər) n.** a climbing bird with a strong, pointed bill used to peck holes in bark to get insects

**wood'pile' n.** a pile of wood, esp. of firewood

**wood screw** a screw with a sharp point, for use in wood

**wood'shed' n.** a shed for storing firewood

**woods·man (wudz'mən) n., pl. -men (-mən)** 1 one who lives or works in the woods 2 one skilled in woodcraft

**wood'sy (-zē) adj. -si-er, -si-est** of or like the woods —**wood'si-ness n.**

**wood·wind (wood'wind') n.** any of a family of wind instruments made, esp. orig., of wood, as the flute, clarinet, or oboe

**wood'work' n.** 1 work done in wood 2 the wooden moldings, doors, etc. of a house

**wood'work'ing n.** the art or work of making things of wood

**wood'y adj. -i-er, -i-est** 1 covered with trees 2 consisting of or forming wood 3 like wood —**wood'i-ness n.**

**woof<sup>1</sup> (wōof) n.** [ult. < OE *wefan*, to weave] WEFT

**woof<sup>2</sup> (wōof) n.** [echoic] the gruff barking sound of a dog —**vi.** to make this sound

**woof·er (wōof'ər) n.** a large, high-fidelity speaker for reproducing low-frequency sounds

**wool (wool) n.** [OE *wull*] 1 the soft, curly hair of sheep or of some other animals, as the goat 2 woolen yarn, cloth, clothing, etc. 3 anything that looks or feels like wool

**wool'en adj.** 1 made of wool 2 relating to wool or woolen cloth —**n.** [pl.] woolen goods Also [Chiefly Brit.] **wool'len**

**Woolf (woolf), Virginia** 1882-1941; Eng. novelist & critic

**wool'gath'er·ing (-gath'ər ɪŋ) n.** aimless daydreaming or speculation

**wool·ly (wool'ē) adj. -li-er, -li-est** 1 of or like wool 2 bearing or covered with wool 3 rough and uncivilized: used chiefly in wild and woolly 4 confused [woolly ideas] Also sp. **wool'y**

**wooz·y (wōō'zē, wōōz'ē) adj. -i-er, -i-est** [Inf.] dizzy or befuddled, as from drink or a blow —**wooz'i-ness n.**

**word (wərd) n.** [OE] 1 *a*) a speech sound, or series of such sounds, having

meaning as a unit of language *b*) the written or printed representation of this 2 a brief remark [a word of advice] 3 a promise or assurance [he gave his word] 4 news; information 5 *a*) a password *b*) a command, order, etc. 6 [usually pl.] *a*) speech *b*) lyrics 7 [pl.] a quarrel —**vt.** to put into words; phrase —**in a word** briefly —**in so many words** exactly and plainly —**the Word** the Bible —**word for word** in precisely the same words

**word'age n.** 1 words 2 wordiness

**word'ing n.** choice of words; diction

**word of honor** solemn promise

**word of mouth** speech, as opposed to writing

**word'play' n.** 1 repartee 2 punning

**word processor** a computerized device consisting of a keyboard, video screen, printer, etc., used to generate, edit, store, or duplicate documents, as letters or reports —**word processing**

**Words·worth (wərdz'wəθ), William** 1770-1850; Eng. poet

**word·y (wərd'ē) adj. -i-er, -i-est** containing or using too many words; verbose —**word'i-ness n.**

**wore (wôr) vt., vi. pt. of WEAR**

**work (wərk) n.** [OE *weorc*] 1 effort exerted to do or make something; labor; toil 2 employment; occupation 3 something one is making or doing; task 4 something made or done; specif., *a*) an act; deed (usually used in pl.) [good works] *b*) [pl.] collected writings *c*) [pl.] engineering structures, as bridges, dams, etc. 5 [pl., with sing. v.] a place where work is done, as a factory 6 workmanship —**adj.** of, for, or used in work —**vi.** **worked** or **wrought**, **work'ing** 1 to do work; labor; toil 2 to be employed 3 to function or operate, esp. effectively 4 to ferment 5 to move, proceed, etc. slowly and with difficulty 6 to come or become, as by repeated movement [the door worked loose] —**vt.** 1 to cause; bring about [his idea worked wonders] 2 to mold; shape 3 to solve (a mathematical problem, etc.) 4 to manipulate; knead 5 to bring into a specified condition, as by moving back and forth [to work a nail loose] 6 to cultivate (soil) 7 to operate; use 8 to cause to work [to work a crew hard] 9 to make (one's way, etc.) by effort 10 to provoke; rouse [to work oneself into a rage] 11 [Slang] to proceed ingratiatingly through (a crowd, etc.) —**at work** working —**in the works** in the process of being planned or done —**out of work** unemployed —**the works** 1 the working parts (of a watch, etc.) 2 [Inf.] everything; also the whole works —**work off** to get rid of —**work on** 1 to influence 2 to try to persuade —**work out** 1 to solve 2 to result 3 to develop 4 to have a workout —**work up** 1 to advance 2 to develop 3 to excite

**work·a·ble (wərkə bəl) adj.** 1 that can be worked 2 practicable; feasible

**work'a·day' (-dā') adj.** 1 of workdays; everyday 2 ordinary

**work'a·hol'ic (-hōl'ik) n.** [WORK + -AHOLIC] a person having an irrational need to work



**work'bench' n.** a table at which work is done, as by a carpenter

**work'book' n.** a book of questions, exercises, etc. for use by students

**work'day' n.** 1 a day on which work is ordinarily done 2 the part of a day during which work is done

**work'er n.** 1 one who works for a living 2 one who works for a cause, etc. 3 a sterile ant, bee, etc. that does work for the colony

**work-fare** (wɜrk'fer') *n.* [WORK + (WEL)FARE] a government program requiring employable recipients of welfare to register for work, training, etc.

**work'force' n.** the total number of available workers

**work'horse' n.** 1 a horse used for working 2 a reliable worker with a heavy workload

**work'house' n.** a prison where petty offenders are confined and made to work

**work'ing adj.** 1 that works 2 of, for, or used in work 3 sufficient to get work done 4 on which further work may be based [*a working hypothesis*] —*n.* the act of one that works

**working class** the social class consisting of industrial and manual workers

**work'ing-man' (-man') n., pl. -men' (-men')** a worker, esp. an industrial worker

**work'load' n.** the amount of work assigned for completion within a given time period

**work'man (-mən) n., pl. -men (-mən)** 1 WORKINGMAN 2 a craftsman

**work'man-like' adj.** capable; competent

**work'man-ship' n.** skill of a workman or the quality of the work done

**work'out' n.** a session of physical exercises or any strenuous work

**work'place' n.** the office, factory, etc. where one works

**work sheet** a paper sheet with working notes, etc., or with problems, etc. to be worked on by students

**work'shop' n.** 1 a room or building where work is done 2 a seminar for specified intensive study, work, etc.

**work'sta'tion n.** 1 a person's work area, including furniture, etc. and, often, a microcomputer 2 a terminal or personal computer connected to a network

**work'ta'ble n.** a table at which work is done

**work'-up' n.** a complete medical study of a patient, including tests

**work'week' n.** the total number of hours or days worked in a week

**world** (wɜrld) *n.* [OE *werold*] 1 *a)* the earth *b)* the universe 2 *a)* mankind *b)* people generally; the public 3 *a)* [*also W-*] some part of the earth [*the Old World*] *b)* any sphere or domain [*the animal world*] 4 individual experience, outlook, etc. [*her world is narrow*] 5 secular life and interests, or people concerned with these 6 [*often pl.*] a large amount [*a world of good*] —**bring into the world** 1 to give birth to 2 to assist in the delivery of (a baby) —**for all the**

**world exactly**

**world'-class' adj.** of the highest class, as in international competition

**world'ly adj.** -li-er, -li-est 1 of this world; secular 2 devoted to the affairs, pleasures, etc. of this world 3 worldly-wise —**world'li-ness n.**

**world'ly-wise' adj.** wise in the ways or affairs of the world; sophisticated

**world'-shak'ing adj.** of great significance, effect, or influence; momentous

**world'view' n.** a comprehensive, esp. personal, philosophy of the world and of human life

**World War I** the war (1914-18) involving Great Britain, France, Russia, the U.S., etc. on one side and Germany, Austria-Hungary, etc. on the other

**World War II** the war (1939-45) involving Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union, the U.S., etc. on one side and Germany, Italy, Japan, etc. on the other

**world'-wea'ry adj.** bored with living

**world'wide' adj., adv.** (extending) throughout the world

**World Wide Web** a group of Internet sources giving access to text, images, sound, etc.

**worm** (wɜrm) *n.* [< OE *wyrm*, serpent] 1 a long, slender, soft-bodied animal 2 an abject or contemptible person 3 something spiral in shape, etc., as the thread of a screw 4 [*pl.*] any disease caused by parasitic worms in the intestines, etc. —*vi.* to proceed like a worm, in a winding or devious manner —*vt.* 1 to bring about, get, make, etc. in a winding or devious manner 2 to purge of intestinal worms —**worm'y, -i-er, -i-est, adj.**

**worm gear** a gear consisting of a rotating screw meshed with a toothed wheel

**worm'wood' (-wood') n.** [< OE *wer-mod*] a strong-smelling plant that yields a bitter-tasting oil formerly used in making absinthe

**worn** (wɔrn) *vt., vi. pp. of WEAR* —*adj.* 1 damaged by use or wear 2 showing the effects of worry or anxiety

**worn'-out' adj.** 1 used until no longer effective, usable, etc. 2 exhausted; tired out

**wor-ri-ment** (wɜr'ē mɛnt) *n.* (a) worry

**wor'ri-some (-səm) adj.** causing worry

**wor-ry** (wɜr'ē) *vt. -ried, -ry-ing* [< OE *wyrgan*, to strangle] 1 to treat roughly, as with continual biting [*a dog worrying a bone*] 2 to annoy, bother, etc. 3 to make troubled or uneasy —*vi.* 1 to bite or tear (*at* an object) 2 to be anxious, troubled, etc. —*n., pl. -ries* 1 a troubled state of mind; anxiety 2 a cause of this —**wor'ri-er n.**

**wor'ry-wart' (-wɔrt') n.** [prec. + WART] [Inf.] one who tends to worry, esp. over trivial matters

**worse** (wɜrs) *adj.* [OE *wiersa*] 1 *compar. of BAD<sup>1</sup> & ILL* 2 *a)* bad, evil, harmful, etc. in a greater degree *b)* of inferior quality 3 in poorer health; more ill 4 in a less satisfactory condition —*adv.* 1 *compar. of BADLY & ILL* 2



in a worse manner 3 to a worse extent —*n.* that which is worse —**worse off** in worse circumstances

**wor-sen** (wər'sən) *vt., vi.* to make or become worse

**wor-ship** (wər'ship) *n.* [*< OE weorth-scipe*] 1 a service or rite showing reverence for a deity 2 intense love or admiration 3 [W-] [Chiefly Brit.] a title of honor: used in addressing magistrates, etc. —*vt.* -shipped or -shipped, -ship-ing or -ship-ping 1 to show religious reverence for 2 to have intense love or admiration for —*vi.* to engage in worship — **wor'ship-er** or **wor'ship-per** *n.*

**wor'ship-ful** (-fəl) *adj.* feeling or offering great devotion or respect

**worst** (wərst) *adj.* [*OE wyrsta*] 1 *superl. of* BAD<sup>1</sup> & ILL 2 *a)* bad, evil, harmful, etc. in the highest degree *b)* of the lowest quality 3 in the least satisfactory condition —*adv.* 1 *superl. of* BADLY & ILL 2 in the worst manner 3 to the worst extent —*n.* that which is worst —*vt.* to defeat —**at worst** under the worst circumstances —**if (the) worst comes to (the) worst** if the worst possible thing happens —**(in) the worst way** [Slang] very much; greatly

**wor-sted** (woos'tid, wər'stid) *n.* [*after Worstead, England*] 1 a smooth, firmly twisted wool thread or yarn 2 fabric made from this

**wort** (wərt) *n.* [*OE wyrst-*] a liquid, produced from malt, that can be fermented to make beer, etc.

**worth** (wəth) *n.* [*OE weorth*] 1 material value, esp. as expressed in terms of money 2 importance, value, merit, etc. 3 the quantity to be had for a given sum [*a dollar's worth*] —*prep.* 1 deserving or worthy of 2 equal in value to 3 having wealth amounting to

**worth'less** *adj.* without worth or merit; useless —**worth'less-ness** *n.*

**worth'while** *adj.* worth the time or effort spent

**wor-thy** (wər'thē) *adj.* -thi-er, -thi-est 1 having worth, value, or merit 2 meriting —*n., pl.* -thies a person of outstanding worth, etc. —**wor'thi-ly** *adv.* — **wor'thi-ness** *n.*

**would** (wud) *v. aux.* [*OE wolde*] 1 *pt. of* WILL<sup>2</sup> 2 used to express a supposition or condition [*he would write if he knew you would answer*] 3 used to make a polite request [*would you please open the window?*] —*vt.* [Old Poet.] I wish [*would that she were here*] See usage note at WILL<sup>2</sup>

**would'-be'** *adj.* 1 wishing or pretending to be 2 intended to be

**wound**<sup>1</sup> (wūnd) *n.* [*OE wund*] 1 an injury in which tissue is cut, torn, etc. 2 any hurt to the feelings, honor, etc. — *vt., vi.* to inflict a wound (on or upon); injure

**wound**<sup>2</sup> (wound) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of* WIND<sup>1</sup>

**wove** (wōv) *vt., vi. pt. & alt. pp. of* WEAVE

**wo-ven** (wō'vən) *vt., vi. alt. pp. of* WEAVE

**wow** (wou) *interj.* used to express surprise, pleasure, etc. —*vt.* [Slang] to arouse enthusiasm in

**wpm** *abbrev.* words per minute

**wrack** (rak) *n.* [*< MDu wrak, a wreck*] *alt. sp. of* RACK<sup>2</sup>

**wraith** (rāth) *n.* [*Scot*] a ghost

**wran-gle** (ran'gəl) *vi.* -gled, -gling [*< OE wringan, to press*] to argue; quarrel, esp. noisily —*n.* a noisy dispute — **wran'gler** *n.*

**wran'gler** (-glər) *n.* [*< AmSp caballer-ango, a groom*] a cowboy who herds livestock, esp. saddle horses — **wran'gle, -gled, -gling, vt.**

**wrap** (rap) *vt.* wrapped, wrap'ping [*ME wrappen*] 1 to wind or fold (a covering) around something 2 to enclose and fasten in paper, etc. —*vi.* to twine, coil, etc.: usually with *over, around, etc.* —*n.* 1 an outer covering or garment 2 [*pl.*] secrecy; censorship [*to keep plans under wraps*] 3 *Film* the completion of the filming of a scene, etc. —**wrapped up** in engrossed in or involved in — **wrap up** [*Inf.*] to conclude; settle

**wrap'per** *n.* 1 one that wraps 2 that in which something is wrapped 3 a woman's dressing gown

**wrap'ping** *n.* [*often pl.*] the material in which something is wrapped

**wrap'-up'** *n.* [*Inf.*] a concluding, summarizing statement, report, etc.

**wrath** (rath) *n.* [*OE, angry*] intense anger; rage; fury —**wrath'ful** *adj.*

**wreak** (rēk) *vt.* [*OE wrecan, to revenge*] 1 to give vent to (one's anger, etc.) 2 to inflict (vengeance, etc.)

**wreath** (rēth) *n., pl. wreaths* (rēthz, rēths) [*OE writha*] 1 a twisted ring of leaves, flowers, etc. 2 something like this in shape [*wreaths of smoke*]

**wreathe** (rēth) *vt.* wreathed, wreath'ing 1 to form into a wreath 2 to coil or twist around; encircle 3 to decorate with wreaths

**wreck** (rek) *n.* [*< ON vrek, driftwood*] 1 a shipwreck 2 the remains of something destroyed 3 a run-down person 4 a wrecking or being wrecked —*vt.* 1 to destroy or damage badly 2 to tear down (a building, etc.) 3 to overthrow or thwart

**wreck'age** *n.* 1 a wrecking or being wrecked 2 the remains of something wrecked

**wreck'er** *n.* 1 one who wrecks 2 one that salvages or removes wrecks

**wren** (ren) *n.* [*OE wrenna*] a small songbird with a stubby, erect tail

**wrench** (rench) *n.* [*OE wrenc, a trick*] 1 a sudden, sharp twist or pull 2 an injury caused by a twist, as to the back 3 a sudden feeling of grief, etc. 4 a tool for turning nuts, bolts, pipes, etc. —*vt.*



1 to twist or jerk violently 2 to injure with a twist 3 to distort (a meaning, etc.)

**wrest** (rest) *vt.* [OE *wræstan*] 1 to pull or force away violently with a twisting motion 2 to take by force

**wres-tle** (res'əl; often ras'-) *vi., vt.* -tled, -tling [see prec.] 1 to struggle hand to hand with (an opponent) in an attempt to throw him or her 2 to contend (*with*) —*n.* a wrestling — **wres'tler** *n.*

**wres'tling** *n.* a sport in which the opponents wrestle, or struggle hand to hand

**wretch** (rech) *n.* [OE *wrecca*, an out-cast] 1 a miserable or unhappy person 2 a despised person

**wretch'ed** *adj.* 1 very unhappy; miserable 2 distressing; dismal 3 poor in quality 4 contemptible —**wretch'ed-ly** *adv.* —**wretch'ed-ness** *n.*

**wrig-gle** (rig'əl) *vi.* -gled, -gling [medieval Low G *wriggeln*] 1 to twist and turn; squirm 2 to move along with a twisting motion 3 to make one's way by shifty means —*n.* a wriggling — **wrig'gler** *n.* —**wrig'gly**, -gli-er, -gli-est, *adj.*

**wright** (rit) *n.* [< OE *wyrcan*, to work] one who makes or constructs: chiefly in compounds [*shipwright*]

**wring** (rin) *vt.* wrung, wring'ing [OE *wringan*] 1 *a)* to squeeze, press, or twist *b)* to force out (water, etc.) by this means (usually with *out*) 2 to clasp and twist (the hands) in distress 3 to clasp (another's hand) forcefully in greeting 4 to extract by force, threats, etc. —*n.* a wringing

**wring'er** *n.* a machine with rollers to squeeze water from wet clothes

**wrin-kle**<sup>1</sup> (rin'kəl) *n.* [ME *wrinkel*] 1 a small furrow in a normally smooth surface 2 a crease in the skin —*vt., vi.* -kled, -kling to form wrinkles (in); pucker; crease —**wrin'kly**, -kli-er, -kli-est, *adj.*

**wrin-kle**<sup>2</sup> (rin'kəl) *n.* [< OE *wrenc*, a trick] [Inf.] a clever innovation

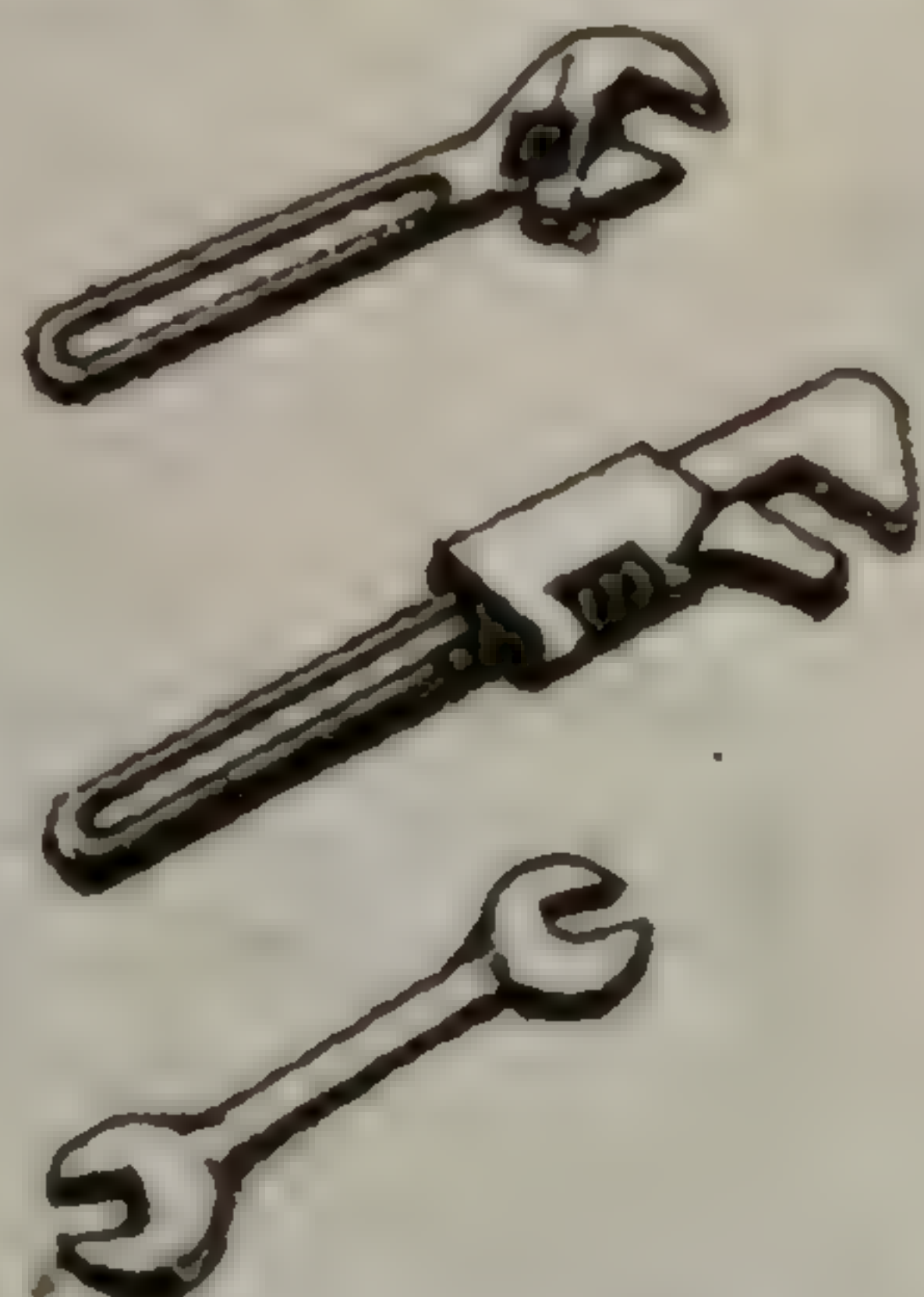
**wrist** (rist) *n.* [OE] the joint between the hand and forearm —a slap (or tap) on the wrist a token punishment

**wrist'band** *n.* a band that goes around the wrist, as on a cuff

**wrist'watch** *n.* a watch worn on a strap or band around the wrist

**writ** (rit) *n.* [OE < *writan*, write] a formal legal document ordering or prohibiting some action

**write** (rit) *vt.* wrote, writ'ten, writ'ing [OE *writan*] 1 to form (words, letters, etc.) on a surface, as with a pen 2 to compose (literary or musical material) 3 to communicate (with) in writing [*she wrote (me) that she was ill*] 4 to cover with writing [*to write three pages*] 5 to fill in (a bank check, etc.) 6 to show clearly [*anger was written on his face*]



WRENCHES

7 *Comput.* to record (information) on a disk, etc. —*vi.* to produce writing — **write off** 1 to remove from accounts (bad debts, etc.) 2 to drop from consideration 3 to amortize —**write out** 1 to put into writing 2 to write in full — **write up** to write an account of

**write'-in** *n.* 1 a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, but is written in by a voter 2 a vote of this kind

**write'-off** *n.* a cancelled debt, amortized expense, etc.

**writ'er** *n.* one who writes, esp. as an occupation; author

**write'-up** *n.* [Inf.] a written report

**writhe** (rith) *vi.* writhed, writh'ing [OE *writhan*, to twist] 1 to twist or turn; squirm [*to writhe in agony*] 2 to suffer great emotional distress

**writ-ing** (rit'in) *n.* 1 the act of one who writes 2 something written 3 written form 4 *short for* HANDWRITING

**writ-ten** (rit'n) *vt., vi. pp. of* WRITE

**wrong** (rôn) *adj.* [< ON *rangr*, twisted] 1 not in accordance with justice, law, morality, etc. 2 not suitable or appropriate 3 *a)* contrary to fact, etc.; incorrect *b)* mistaken 4 not functioning properly 5 not meant to be seen [*the wrong side of a fabric*] —*adv.* in a wrong manner, direction, etc. —*n.* an unjust, immoral, or illegal act —*vt.* to treat badly or unjustly —**wrong'ly** *adv.* —**wrong'ness** *n.*

**wrong'do'ing** *n.* any wrong act or behavior —**wrong'do'er** *n.*

**wrong'ful** *adj.* 1 unjust or injurious 2 unlawful —**wrong'ful-ly** *adv.*

**wrong'head'ed** *adj.* stubborn or perverse —**wrong'head'ed-ly** *adv.* — **wrong'head'ed-ness** *n.*

**wrote** (rôt) *vt., vi. pt. of* WRITE

**wroth** (rôth) *adj.* [OE *wrath*] angry

**wrought** (rôt) *vi., vt. alt. pt. & pp. of* WORK —*adj.* 1 formed; made 2 shaped by hammering, etc.: said of metals

**wrought iron** tough, ductile iron containing very little carbon —**wrought'-i'ron** *adj.*

**wrought'-up** *adj.* very disturbed

**wrung** (run) *vt. pt. & pp. of* WRING

**wry** (rī) *adj.* wri'er or wry'er, wri'est or wry'est [< OE *wrigian*, to turn] 1 distorted in a grimace [*a wry face*] 2 ironic, dry, etc. [*wry humor*] —**wry'ly** *adv.* —**wry'ness** *n.*

**wt** *abbrev.* weight

**Wu-han** (wōō'hän') city in EC China: pop. 3,288,000

**wuss** (woos) *n.* [Slang] a person who is regarded as weak, ineffectual, etc.; wimp: also **wuss'y**, *pl.* **wuss'ies**

**WV** West Virginia

**WWI** *abbrev.* World War I

**WWII** *abbrev.* World War II

**WWW** or **www** *abbrev.* World Wide Web

**Wy-o-ming** (wī ō'minj) Mountain State of the W U.S.: 97,105 sq. mi.; pop. 454,000; cap. Cheyenne: *abbrev.* WY — **Wy-o'ming-ite** *n.*



# X

**x**<sup>1</sup> or **X** (eks) *n.*, *pl.* **x**'s, **X**'s 1 the 24th letter of the English alphabet 2 *Math.* an unknown quantity

**x**<sup>2</sup> *abbrev.* extra: also **X**

**x**<sup>3</sup> (eks) *symbol* 1 by (in indicating dimensions) [3 ft. x 4 ft.] 2 *Optics* the power of magnification 3 *Math.* times [2 x 3 = 6]

**X** (eks) *n.* 1 the Roman numeral 10 2 a film rating meaning that no one under seventeen is to be admitted

**X chromosome** *see* SEX CHROMOSOME

**Xe** *Chem. symbol* for xenon

**xe·non** (zē'nān') *n.* a colorless, nonreactive, gaseous chemical element

**xen·o·pho·bi·a** (zen'ə fō'bē ə) *n.* [*<* Gr *xenos*, foreign + *-PHOBIA*] fear or hatred of strangers or foreigners —**xen'o·phobe'** (-fōb') *n.* —**xen'o·pho'bic** (-fō'bik) *adj.*

**xe·rog·ra·phy** (zir äg'rə fē) *n.* [*<* Gr *xēros*, dry + *-GRAPHY*] a process for copying printed material, etc. by the action of light on an electrically charged surface

**Xe·rox** (zir'äks') *trademark* for a device for copying by xerography —*vt.*, *vi.* [*usually x-*] to reproduce by xerography

—*n.* [*usually x-*] a copy so made

**Xer·xes I** (zürk'sēz') 519?-465 B.C.; king of Persia (486-465)

**xi** (zī, sī) *n.* the 14th letter of the Greek alphabet (Ξ, ξ)

**XL** *abbrev.* extra large

**X·mas** (eks'məs) *n. inf. var. of* CHRISTMAS

**X·rat·ed** (eks'rāt'əd) *adj.* designating or like a film with a rating of X; explicit, obscene, etc.

**X·ray** (eks'rā') *n.* 1 a type of electromagnetic wave of very short wavelength, that can penetrate solid substances: used to study internal body structures and treat various disorders 2 a photograph made by means of X-rays —*adj.* of or by X-rays —*vt.* to examine, treat, or photograph with X-rays Also **X ray**, **x-ray**, or **x ray**

**XS** *abbrev.* extra small

**xy·lem** (zī'ləm) *n.* [*<* Gr *xylon*, wood] the woody vascular tissue of a plant

**xy·lo·phone** (zī'lə fōn') *n.* [*<* Gr *xylon*, wood + *-PHONE*] a musical percussion instrument consisting of a series of graduated wooden bars that are struck with small, wooden mallets —**xy'lo·phon'ist** (-fō'nist, zī läf'ə nist) *n.*

# Y

**y** or **Y** (wī) *n.*, *pl.* **y**'s, **Y**'s the 25th letter of the English alphabet

**Y** *Chem. symbol* for yttrium

**-y**<sup>1</sup> (ē, i) [*ME*] *suffix* little one, dear [*kitty, daddy*]

**-y**<sup>2</sup> (ē, i) [*OE -ig*] *suffix* 1 full of, like [*dirty*] 2 somewhat [*yellowy*] 3 tending to [*sticky*]

**-y**<sup>3</sup> (ē, i) [*<* L *-ia*] *suffix* 1 quality or condition [*jealousy*] 2 a (specified) kind of shop, goods, or group [*bakery*]

**-y**<sup>4</sup> (ē, i) [*<* L *-ium*] *suffix* action of [*inquiry*]

**yacht** (yät) *n.* [*Du jacht*] a small vessel for pleasure cruises, racing, etc.

**yacht'ing** (-in) *n.* the sport of sailing a yacht —**yachts'man** (-mən), *pl.* -men (-mən), *n.*

**ya·hoo** (yā'hōō') *n.* [after a race of people in Swift's novel *Gulliver's Travels*] a person regarded as vulgar, uneducated, etc.

**Yah·weh** or **Yah·we** (yā'we, -wā) *n.* [*<* Heb] God

**yak**<sup>1</sup> (yak) *n.* [*<* Tibet *g-yag*] a long-haired wild ox of Tibet and central Asia

**yak**<sup>2</sup> (yak) [*Slang*] *vi.* **yakked**, **yak'king** [*echoic*] to talk much or idly —*n.* a yakking

**yam** (yam) *n.* [*<* WAfr native name] 1 the edible, starchy, tuberous root of a

tropical climbing plant 2 an orange-colored variety of sweet potato

**yam·mer** (yam'ər) *vi.* [*<* OE *geomerian*, to lament] 1 to shout, yell, etc. 2 to talk loudly or continuously —**yam'mer·er** *n.*

**yang** (yän, yan) *n.* [*Chin*] in Chinese philosophy, the masculine force or principle in the universe: cf. **YIN**

**Yan·gon** (yan gôn') capital of Myanmar: pop. 2,513,000

**Yang·tze** (yank'sē) a former transliteration of **CHANG**

**yank** (yank) *n.*, *vt.*, *vi.* [*<* ?] [*Inf.*] jerk

**Yank** (yank) *n.* [*Slang*] a Yankee; esp., a U.S. soldier in WWI and WWII

**Yan·kee** (yan'kē) *n.* [*<* ? *Du Jan Kees*, a disparaging nickname] 1 a New Englander 2 a person born or living in the northern U.S. 3 a citizen of the U.S. —*adj.* of or like Yankees

**yap** (yap) *vi.* **yapped**, **yap'ping** [*echoic*] 1 to make a sharp, shrill bark 2 [*Slang*] to talk noisily and stupidly —*n.* 1 a sharp, shrill bark 2 [*Slang*] a) jabber b) the mouth

**yard**<sup>1</sup> (yärd) *n.* [*OE gierd*, rod] 1 a measure of length, 3 feet or 36 inches 2 *Naut.* a slender rod or spar fastened across a mast to support a sail

**yard**<sup>2</sup> (yärd) *n.* [*OE geard*, enclosure] 1 the ground around or next to a building



2 an enclosed place for a particular purpose [*shipyard*]

**yard'age** *n.* 1 measurement in yards 2 the extent so measured

**yard'arm'** *n.* *Naut.* either half of a yard supporting a square sail, etc.

**yard goods** textiles made in standard widths, usually sold by the yard

**yard-man** (yārd'mān', -mən) *n., pl. -men' (-men', -mən)* a person who works in a yard

**yard'stick'** *n.* 1 a graduated measuring stick one yard long 2 any standard used in judging, etc.

**yar-mul-ke** (yār'məl kə, yā'-) *n.* [*Yid-dish* < *Pol*] a skullcap traditionally worn by Jewish men, as at prayer: also **yar'mel-ke**

**yarn** (yārn) *n.* [*OE gearn*] 1 fibers of wool, cotton, etc. spun into strands for weaving, knitting, etc. 2 [*Inf.*] a tale or story

**yat-ter** (yat'ər) [*Slang*] *vi.* [*prob. < YA(K)<sup>2</sup> + (CHA)TTER*] to talk idly about trivial things —*n.* idle talk; chatter

**yaw** (yô) *vi.* [*ON jaga, to sway*] 1 to swing back and forth across its course, as a ship does when pushed by high waves 2 to rotate or oscillate about the vertical axis: said of a spacecraft, etc. —*n.* a yawing

**yawl** (yôl) *n.* [*< Du jol*] a small, two-masted sailboat rigged fore-and-aft

**yawn** (yôn) *vi.* [*ME yanen*] 1 to open the mouth wide involuntarily and inhale, as when one is sleepy or bored 2 to open wide —*n.* a yawning

**yaws** (yôz) *n.* [*of WInd origin*] an infectious skin disease of the tropics

**yay** (yā) *adv.* 1 **YEA'** (*adv.* 1) 2 [*Inf.*] this; so: often with a gesture indicating size —*interj.* **YEA**

**Y chromosome** see **SEX CHROMOSOME**

**y-clept** or **y-clept** (ē klept') *vt.* [*<OE clipian, to call*] [*Archaic*] called; named: also sp. **y-cleped'**

**yd** *abbrev.* yard(s): also, for the plural, **yds**

**ye<sup>1</sup>** (thə, thi, thē; now often erroneously or facetiously **yē**) *adj., definite article* *archaic var. of THE*

**ye<sup>2</sup>** (yē) *pron.* [*OE ge*] [*Archaic*] **YOU**

**yea** (yā) *adv.* [*OE gea*] 1 yes 2 indeed; truly —*n.* 1 an affirmative vote 2 a person voting in the affirmative —*interj.* [*Inf.*] hurrah: a shout used in cheering for a team

**yeah** (ya, ye) *adv.* [*Inf.*] yes

**year** (yir) *n.* [*OE gear*] 1 a period of 365 days (366 days in leap year), divided into 12 months beginning Jan. 1 2 the period (365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds) of one revolution of the earth around the sun: also **solar year** 3 a period of 12 calendar months reckoned from any date 4 an annual period of less than 365 days [*a school year*] 5 [*pl.*] a) age [*old for his years*] b) a long time [*years ago*] —**year after year** every year

**year'book'** *n.* an annual book; specif., a) a book giving data of the preceding year b) a publication of the graduating class of a school or college

**year'ling** *n.* an animal in its second year

**year'ly** *adj.* 1 done, happening, appearing, etc. once a year, or every year [*a yearly event*] 2 of a year, or of each year —*adv.* every year

**yearn** (yārn) *vi.* [*< OE georn, eager*] to be filled with longing or desire —**yearn'ing** *n.*

**year'-round'** *adj.* open, in use, operating, etc. throughout the year

**yea'say'er** *n.* one having a positive attitude toward life

**yeast** (yēst) *n.* [*OE gist*] 1 a moist, yellowish mass of certain fungi that cause fermentation: used in making beer, etc., and as leavening in baking 2 yeast dried in flakes or granules or compressed into cakes 3 ferment; agitation

**yeast'y** *adj. -i-er, -i-est* 1 of, like, or containing yeast 2 in a ferment; restless

**yegg** (yeg) *n.* [*< ?*] [*Old Slang*] a burglar, etc.

**yell** (yel) *vi., vt.* [*OE giellan*] to cry out loudly; scream —*n.* 1 a loud outcry 2 a rhythmic cheer in unison

**yel-low** (yel'ō) *adj.* [*OE geolu*] 1 of the color of ripe lemons 2 having a somewhat yellow skin 3 [*Inf.*] cowardly 4 sensational: said as of a newspaper —*n.* 1 a yellow color 2 an egg yolk —*vi.* to become yellow —**yel'low-ish** *adj.*

**yellow fever** an infectious tropical disease caused by a virus transmitted by the bite of a certain mosquito

**yellow jacket** a wasp or hornet having bright-yellow markings

**Yel'low-knife'** capital of Northwest Territories, Canada: pop. 17,000

**Yellow River** **HUANG**

**Yellow Sea** arm of the East China Sea, between China & Korea

**yelp** (yelp) *vi.* [*OE gielpān, to boast*] to utter a short, sharp cry or bark, as a dog does —*n.* a short, sharp cry or bark

**Yel'tsin** (yelt'sin), **Bor-is** (bôr'is) 1931-; president of Russia (1990-99)

**Yem-en** (yem'ən) country in S Arabia, formed (1990) by the merger of the **Yemen Arab Republic** and a country directly east of it, the **People's Democratic Republic of Yemen**: 214,287 sq. mi.; pop: 13,000,000 —**Yem'en-ite'** or **Yem'e-ni** (-ə nē) *adj., n.*

**yen<sup>1</sup>** (yen) *n., pl. yen* [*Jpn*] the monetary unit of Japan

**yen<sup>2</sup>** (yen) *n.* [*prob. < Chin yan, opium*] [*Inf.*] a strong longing or desire

**yeo-man** (yō'mən) *n., pl. -men (-mən)* [*ME yeman*] 1 [*Brit. Historical*] a freeholder of a class below the gentry 2 *U.S. Navy* a petty officer assigned to clerical duty

**yeo'man-ry** *n.* yeomen collectively

**yes** (yes) *adv.* [*OE gese*] 1 aye; yea; it is so: expressing agreement, consent, etc. 2 not only that, but more [*ready, yes, eager to help*] —*n., pl. yes'es* an act of saying yes; an affirmative reply, vote, etc. —*vt., vi. yessed, yes'sing* to say yes (to)

**ye-shi·va** (yə shē'və; *Heb* ye shē vā') *n., pl. -vas* or *Heb. -vot' (-vôt')* [*Heb, lit.,*



act of sitting] a Jewish school combining religious and secular studies

**yes man** [Slang] one who is always approving what is said by a superior

**yes-ter-day** (yes'tər dā') *n.* [OE *geostan*, yesterday + *dæg*, day] 1 the day before today 2 a recent day or time — *adv.* 1 on the day before today 2 recently

**yes'ter-year** (-yir') *n., adv.* 1 last year 2 (in) past years

**yet** (yet) *adv.* [OE *giet*] 1 up to now; thus far [he hasn't gone yet] 2 at the present time; now [we can't go just yet] 3 still [there is yet a chance] 4 in addition; even [he was yet more kind] 5 nevertheless [she's kind, yet shy] — *conj.* but [she seems well, yet she is ill] —as yet up to now

**yew** (yō) *n.* [OE *iw*] 1 an evergreen tree with flattened needle leaves 2 its wood

**Yid-dish** (yid'ish) *n.* [*<* Ger *jüdisch*, *<* L *Judaeus*, Jew] a language derived from medieval High German, written in the Hebrew alphabet and spoken esp. by East European Jews

**yield** (yēld) *vt.* [OE *gielðan*, to pay] 1 to produce as a crop, result, profit, etc. 2 to surrender 3 to concede —*vi.* 1 to produce 2 to surrender 3 to give way to physical force 4 to lose precedence, etc.: often with *to* —*n.* the amount yielded

**yield'ing** *adj.* 1 flexible 2 submissive

**yin** (yin) *n.* [Chin] in Chinese philosophy, the feminine force or principle in the universe: cf. YANG

**yip** (yip) *n.* [echoic] [Inf.] a yelp, or bark —*vi.* yipped, yip'ping [Inf.] to yelp, or bark

**YMCA** *abbrev.* Young Men's Christian Association

**yo** (yō) *interj.* [Inf.] used as to gain attention, greet someone, emphasize a remark, etc.

**yo-del** (yōd'l) *vt., vi.* -deled or -delled, -del-ing or -del-ling [Ger *jodeln*] to sing with abrupt alternating changes to the falsetto —*n.* a yodeling

**yo-ga** (yō'gə) *n.* [Sans, union] a mystic and ascetic Hindu discipline for achieving union with the supreme spirit through meditation, prescribed postures, controlled breathing, etc.

**yo-gi** (yō'gē) *n., pl.* -gis one who practices yoga: also yo'gin (-gin)

**yo-gurt** (yō'gərt) *n.* [Turk *yoğurt*] a thick, somewhat solid food made from fermented milk: also yo'ghurt

**yoke** (yōk) *n.* [OE *geoc*] 1 a wooden frame for harnessing together a pair of oxen, etc. 2 such a pair harnessed together 3 bondage; servitude 4 anything like a yoke, as something that binds or unites, or a part of a garment fitted to the shoulders or hips as a support for the gathered parts below —*vt.* yoked, yok'ing 1 to harness (an animal) to (a plow, etc.) 2 to join together

**yo-kel** (yō'kəl) *n.* a person living in a rural area; bumpkin: a contemptuous term

**Yo-ko-ha-ma** (yō'kə hə'mə) seaport in S Honshu, Japan: pop. 2,774,000

**yolk** (yōk) *n.* [OE *geolca*] the yellow, principal substance of an egg

**Yom Kip-pur** (yām'ki poor') the Day of Atonement: a major Jewish holiday and a day of fasting

**yon** (yän) *adj., adv.* [OE *geon*] [Now Chiefly Dial.] yonder

**yon-der** (yän'dər) *adj., adv.* [ME] (being) at or in that (specified or relatively distant) place; over there

**Yon-kers** (yän'kərz) city in SE New York: pop. 188,000

**yoo-hoo** (yō'hō) *interj., n.* (a shout or call) used to attract someone's attention

**yore** (yôr) *adv.* [OE *geara*] [Obs.] long ago —of yore formerly

**you** (yō) *pron., pl.* you [OE *eow* *<* *ge*, *YE*<sup>2</sup>] 1 the person or persons spoken to 2 a person or people generally; one [you can never tell!]

**young** (yun) *adj.* young'er (-gər), young'est (-gəst) [OE *geong*] 1 being in an early period of life or growth 2 youthful; fresh; vigorous 3 in an early stage 4 inexperienced; immature —*n.* 1 young people: often with *the* 2 young offspring —with young pregnant —young'ish *adj.*

**young adult** an age group, from about 12 to about 18 years of age, used as a reader category as in libraries

**young blood** 1 young people; youth 2 youthful strength, vigor, etc.

**young'ster** *n.* a child or youth

**your** (yoor; often yôr) *poss. pronominal adj.* [OE *eower*] of, belonging to, or done by you: also used before some titles [Your Honor]

**you're** (yoor, yōr) *contr.* you are

**yours** (yoorz; often yôrz) *pron.* that or those belonging to you: possessive form of YOU [that book is yours; yours are better]

**your-self** (yoor self', yər-) *pron., pl.* -selves' (-selvz') a form of YOU, used as an intensive [you said so yourself], as a reflexive [you hurt yourself], or with the meaning "your true self" [you are not yourself today]

**yours truly** 1 a phrase used in ending a letter 2 [Inf.] I or me

**youth** (yōth) *n., pl.* youths (yōthz, yōths) [OE *geoguthe*] 1 the state or quality of being young 2 the period of adolescence 3 an early stage of growth or existence 4 young people collectively 5 a young person; esp., a young man

**youth'ful** *adj.* 1 young; not yet old or mature 2 of, like, or fit for youth 3 fresh; vigorous 4 new; early —youth'ful-ly *adv.* —youth'ful-ness *n.*

**yowl** (yowl) *vi., n.* [*<* ON *gaula*] howl or wail

**yo-yo** (yō'yō) *n., pl.* yo'-yos' [*<* ?] 1 a spool-like toy reeled up and let down by a string 2 [Slang] a person regarded as stupid, inept, etc. —*vi.* [Inf.] to move up and down; fluctuate

**yr** *abbrev.* 1 year(s) 2 your

**yrs** *abbrev.* 1 years 2 yours

**YT** Yukon Territory



**yt·tri·um** (i'trē əm) *n.* a rare, silvery, metallic chemical element: used in color TV tubes, etc.

**Yu·ca·tán** or **Yu·ca·tan** (yōō'kə tan') state of Mexico, on a peninsula separating the Gulf of Mexico from the Caribbean: 15,189 sq. mi.; pop. 1,363,000

**yuc·ca** (yuk'ə) *n.* [*< AmSp yuca*] 1 a desert plant with stiff leaves and white flowers 2 its flower

**yuck**<sup>1</sup> (yuk) *n., vi. alt. sp. of YUK*

**yuck**<sup>2</sup> (yuk) [Slang] *n.* something unpleasant, disgusting, etc. —*interj.* used to express distaste, disgust, etc. — **yuck'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

**Yu·go·slav·i·a** (yōō'gō slä'vē ə, -gə-) country in the NW Balkan Peninsula: four republics separated from it in 1991: 39,449 sq. mi.; pop. 10,394,000 — **Yu'go·slav'** or **Yu'go·sla'vi·an** *adj., n.*

**yuk** (yuk) *n.* [echoic] [Slang] a loud laugh of amusement, or something causing such a laugh —*vi.* **yukked**,

**yuk'king** [Slang] to laugh loudly

**Yu·kon** (yōō'kän') territory of NW Canada, east of Alaska: 186,661 sq. mi.; pop. 31,000; cap. Whitehorse: abbrev. **YT**: usually used with *the*: in full **Yukon Territory**

**yule** (yōōl) *n.* [OE *geol*] [often **Y-**] Christmas or the Christmas season

**yule'tide'** (-tid') *n.* [often **Y-**] the Christmas season

**yum·my** (yum'ē) *adj.* **-mi·er**, **-mi·est** [Inf.] very tasty; delectable

**yup** (yup) *adv.* [Slang] yes: an affirmative reply

**yup·pie** (yup'ē) *n.* [*< y(oung) u(rban) p(rofessional)*] [Inf.] a young professional regarded as affluent, ambitious, materialistic, etc.

**YWCA** *abbrev.* Young Women's Christian Association

## Z

**z** or **Z** (zē; *Brit* *zed*) *n., pl. z's, Z's* the 26th and last letter of the English alphabet

**zaf·tig** (zäf'tig) *adj.* [*< Yiddish zaft, juice*] [Slang] having a full, shapely figure: said of a woman

**Za·ire** or **Za·ire** (zä ir') 1 CONGO (River) 2 former name for Democratic Republic of the Congo: see CONGO

**Zam·bi·a** (zam'bē ə) country in S Africa: 290,586 sq. mi.; pop. 7,818,000

**Zam·bo·ni** (zam bō'nē) *trademark* for a machine like a tractor, used to smooth the ice in a rink

**za·ny** (zā'nē) *n., pl. -nies* [*< It dial. zanni, < Giovanni, John*] a silly or foolish person —*adj.* **-ni·er**, **-ni·est** foolish or crazy —**za'ni·ness** *n.*

**Zan·zi·bar** (zan'zə bär') island off the E coast of Africa: part of Tanzania

**zap** (zap) *vt., vi.* **zapped**, **zap'ping** [echoic] [Slang] to move, strike, stun, kill, etc. suddenly and with great speed and force —*interj.* used to signify sudden, swift action or change

**zeal** (zēl) *n.* [*< Gr zēlos*] strong interest or devotion; intense enthusiasm; fervor

**zeal·ot** (zel'ət) *n.* one who shows zeal, esp. fanatic zeal

**zeal·ous** (zel'əs) *adj.* of or showing zeal; fervent —**zeal'ous·ly** *adv.* —**zeal'ous·ness** *n.*

**ze·bra** (zē'brə) *n.* [Port] an African mammal related to the horse and having dark stripes on a white or tawny body

**ze·bu** (zē'byōō') *n.* [Fr *zébu* *< ?*] a domesticated ox of Asia and Africa

**zed** (zed) *n.* [*< Gr zēta*] [Brit.] the letter Z, z

**zeit·geist** (tsīt'gīst') *n.* [Ger, time spirit] the trend of thought and feeling in a period

**Zen** (zen) *n.* [Jpn ult. *< Sans dhyāna*,

*thinking*] a variety of Buddhism in which enlightenment is sought through introspection and intuition

**ze·nith** (zē'nith) *n.* [ult. *< L semita, path*] 1 the point in the sky directly overhead 2 the highest point

**zeph·yr** (zef'ər) *n.* [*< Gr zephyros*] a breeze

**zep·pe·lin** (zep'ə lin, zep'lin) *n.* [after Count F. von *Zeppelin* (1838-1917), its Ger designer] [often **Z-**] a type of rigid airship designed around 1900

**ze·ro** (zir'ō, zē'rō) *n., pl. -ros* or *-roes* [*< Ar šifr, cipher*] 1 the symbol 0, representing the absence of any quantity or magnitude; cipher; naught 2 the point, marked 0, from which quantities are reckoned on a graduated scale 3 nothing 4 the lowest point —*adj.* of or at zero —**zero in on** to concentrate attention on; focus on

**zero hour** 1 the time set for beginning an attack, etc. 2 any crucial moment

**zero (population) growth** a condition of equilibrium in a given population, in which the birthrate equals the death rate

**ze'ro·sum'** (-sum') *adj.* of or being a situation in which a gain for one must result in a loss for another or others

**zest** (zest) *n.* [Fr *zeste*, orange peel] 1 a thin piece of orange or lemon peel used as flavoring 2 stimulating quality 3 keen enjoyment [*a zest for life*] — **zest'ful** *adj.*

**ze·ta** (zāt'ə) *n.* the sixth letter of the Greek alphabet (Ζ, ζ)

**Zeus** (zōōs, zyōōs) *n.* *Gr. Myth.* the chief deity

**zig·gu·rat** (zig'oo rat') *n.* [*< Assyrian ziqqurratu*] an ancient Assyrian or Babylonian temple tower in the form of a terraced pyramid

**zig·zag** (zig'zag') *n.* [Fr] 1 a series of short, sharp angles in alternate direc-



tions 2 a design, path, etc. in this form —*adj.* having the form of a zigzag —*adv.* in a zigzag course —*vt., vi.* -zagged', -zag'ging to form or move in a zigzag

**zilch** (zilch) *n.* [[nonsense syllable]] [Slang] nothing; zero

**zil·lion** (zil'yən) *n.* [[< MILLION]] [Inf.] a very large, indefinite number

**Zim·ba·bwe** (zim bāb'wā') country in S Africa, north of South Africa: 150,872 sq. mi.; pop. 10,402,000

**zinc** (zink) *n.* [[Ger *zink*]] a bluish-white, metallic chemical element, used in alloys, as a protective coating for iron, etc.

**zinc oxide** a white powder used in making rubber articles, cosmetics, ointments, etc.

**zin·fan·del** (zin'fən del') *n.* [[< ?]] a dry red wine made chiefly in California

**zing** (zɪŋ) *n.* [[echoic]] [Slang] 1 a shrill, high-pitched sound, as of something moving fast 2 zest, vigor, etc.

**zing'er** *n.* [Slang] 1 a clever, witty remark 2 a sharp, usually critical remark

**zin·ni·a** (zin'ē ə, zin'yə) *n.* [[after J. G. Zinn (1727-59), Ger botanist]] a plant having colorful composite flowers

**Zi·on**<sup>1</sup> (zi'ən) *n.* [[< fol.]] 1 the Jewish people 2 heaven

**Zi·on**<sup>2</sup> (zi'ən) 1 a hill in Jerusalem, site of Solomon's Temple 2 Jerusalem 3 Israel

**Zi'on·ism'** *n.* a movement formerly for reestablishing, now for supporting, the state of Israel —**Zi'on·ist** *n., adj.*

**zip** (zip) *n.* [[echoic]] 1 a short, sharp hissing or whizzing sound 2 [Inf.] energy; vigor —*vi.* **zipped**, **zip'ping** 1 to make, or move with, a zip 2 [Inf.] to move with speed —*vt.* to fasten with a zipper

**ZIP Code** (zip) [[Z(one) I(mprovement) P(lan)]] *trademark* for a system of code numbers assigned by the postal service: each code designates a delivery area — [usually **zip c-**] such a code number, containing five or nine digits

**zip·per** (zip'ər) *n.* a device used to fasten and unfasten two edges of material, as on clothing: it consists of two rows of interlocking tabs worked by a sliding part

**zip'py** *adj.* -pi·er, -pi·est [Inf.] full of energy; brisk

**zir·con** (zər'kän') *n.* [[ult. < Pers *zar*, gold]] a crystalline silicate mineral, used as a gem

**zir·co·ni·um** (zər kō'nē əm) *n.* a ductile, metallic chemical element used in alloys, ceramics, etc.

**zit** (zit) *n.* [Slang] a pimple, esp. one on the face

**zith·er** (zith'ər, zith'-) *n.* [[< Gr *kithara*, lute]] any of various musical instruments with strings stretched across a flat soundboard and plucked, bowed, struck with mallets, etc., as the dulcimer

**Zn** *Chem. symbol for zinc*

**zo·di·ac** (zō'dē ak') *n.* [[< Gr *zōdiakos* (*kyklos*), (circle) of animals]] 1 an imaginary belt across the sky extending on either side of the apparent path of the sun and divided into twelve equal parts, or signs, named for constellations 2 a diagram representing this — **zo·di'a·cal** (-dī'ə kəl) *adj.*

**zom·bie** (zām'bē) *n.* [[of Afr orig.]] 1 in folklore, an animated corpse 2 [Slang] a person who is listless, machine-like, etc. Also **zom'bi**

**zone** (zōn) *n.* [[Fr < Gr *zōnē*]] 1 an encircling band, stripe, etc. 2 any of the five great latitudinal divisions of the earth's surface: see **TORRID ZONE**, **TEMPERATE ZONE**, and **FRIGID ZONE** 3 any area with reference to a specified use or restriction [a canal zone, war zone] —*vt.* **zoned**, **zon'ing** to mark off into zones — **in the (or a) zone** [Inf.] in a state producing high achievement, seemingly beyond explanation —**zon'al** *adj.*

**zonked** (zōŋkt, zāŋkt) *adj.* [Slang] 1 highly intoxicated or under the influence of a drug 2 exhausted

**ZOO** (zōo) *n.* [[< zoo(logical garden)]] 1 a place where wild animals are kept for public showing 2 [Slang] a place of confusion, disorder, etc.

**zoo-** [[< Gr *zōion*, animal]] *combining form* animal(s) [*zoology*]

**zo·ol·o·gy** (zō əl'ə jē) *n.* [[ModL *zoologia*: see prec. & -LOGY]] the science that deals with animals and animal life — **zo'o·log'i·cal** (-ə lāj'i kəl) *adj.* —**zo·ol'o·gist** *n.*

**zoom** (zōom) *vi.* [[echoic]] 1 to make a loud, low-pitched, buzzing sound 2 to climb in an airplane suddenly and sharply 3 to move speedily upward or forward 4 to focus with a zoom lens — *vt.* to cause to zoom —*n.* a zooming

**zoom lens** a system of lenses, as in a film or TV camera, that can be rapidly adjusted for close-up or distant shots while keeping the image in focus

**zo·o·phyte** (zō'ə fit') *n.* [[ult. < Gr *zōion*, an animal + *phyton*, a plant]] any animal, as a coral or sponge, that looks and grows somewhat like a plant —**zo'o·phyt'ic** (-fit'ik) *adj.*

**Zo·ro·as·ter** (zō'rō as'tər) *c.* 6th or 7th c. B.C.; Pers. founder of Zoroastrianism

**Zo·ro·as·tri·an·ism** (zō'rō as'trē ən iz'əm) *n.* the religion of the ancient Persians before Islam

**Zr** *Chem. symbol for zirconium*

**zuc·chi·ni** (zōo kē'nē) *n., pl. -ni or -nis* [[It]] a summer squash that looks like a cucumber

**Zu·lu** (zōo'lōo) *n.* 1 *pl. -lus or -lu* a member of a people living in South Africa 2 the language of this people —*adj.* of the Zulus or their language, etc.

**Zu·ni** (zōo'nē) *n.* 1 *pl. -nis or -ni* a member of a pueblo-dwelling North American Indian people of W New Mexico 2 the language of this people Also, formerly, **Zu·ñi** (zōon'yē)

**Zur·ich** (zoor'ik) city in N Switzerland: pop. 353,000

**zwie·back** (swē'bak', swī'-) *n.* [[Ger < *zwie-*, twice + *backen*, to bake]] a kind of biscuit that is sliced and toasted after



baking

**zy·de·co** (zī'də kō') *n.* [*< ?*] a heavily syncopated dance music of S Louisiana, containing elements of blues, white Cajun music, etc.

**zy·gote** (zī'gōt') *n.* [*< Gr zygon, a yoke*] a cell formed by the union of male and

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◀ **zymurgy**

female gametes

**zymo-** [*< Gr zymē, a leaven*] *combining form* fermentation: also **zym-**

**zy·mur·gy** (zī'mər jē) *n.* [*prec. + -URGY*] the chemistry of fermentation, as applied in brewing, etc.



# WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

## Linear

12 inches = 1 foot  
 3 feet = 1 yard  
 5.5 yards = 1 rod  
 40 rods = 1 furlong  
 8 furlongs = 1 mile

## Liquid

16 ounces = 1 pint  
 2 pints = 1 quart  
 4 quarts = 1 gallon  
 31.5 gallons = 1 barrel  
 2 barrels = 1 hogshead

## Metric Equivalents

1 inch = 2.5400 centimeters  
 1 foot = 0.3048 meter  
 1 yard = 0.9144 meter  
 1 mile = 1.6093 kilometers  
 1 centimeter = 0.3937 inch  
 1 meter = 39.3701 inches  
 1 kilometer = 0.6214 mile  
 1 quart (dry) = 1.1012 liters  
 1 quart (liquid) = 0.9464 liter  
 1 gallon = 3.7854 liters  
 1 liter = 0.9081 dry quart  
 1 liter = 1.0567 liquid quarts

## Square

144 sq. inches = 1 sq. foot  
 9 sq. feet = 1 sq. yard  
 30.25 sq. yards = 1 sq. rod  
 160 sq. rods = 1 acre  
 640 acres = 1 sq. mile

## Circular

60 seconds = 1 minute  
 60 minutes = 1 degree  
 360 degrees = 1 circle

## Metric Equivalents

1 sq. inch = 6.4516 sq. centimeters  
 1 sq. foot = 929.0304 sq. centimeters  
 1 sq. mile = 2.590 sq. kilometers  
 1 sq. centimeter = 0.155 sq. inch  
 1 sq. meter = 1.196 sq. yards  
 1 sq. kilometer = 0.3861 sq. mile

## Cubic

1,728 cu. inches = 1 cu. foot  
 27 cu. feet = 1 cu. yard  
 128 cu. feet = 1 cord (wood)

## Dry

2 pints = 1 quart  
 8 quarts = 1 peck  
 4 pecks = 1 bushel

## Metric Equivalents

1 cu. inch = 16.3871 cu. centimeters  
 1 cu. inch = 16.3871 milliliters  
 1 cu. foot = 0.0283 cu. meter  
 1 cu. foot = 28.3169 liters  
 1 cu. meter = 35.3147 cu. feet  
 1 ounce (avdp.) = 28.3495 grams  
 1 pound = 0.4536 kilogram  
 1 gram = 0.0353 ounce  
 1 kilogram = 2.2046 pounds  
 1 ton (2,000 pounds) = 907.1847 kilograms

## Temperature Conversion Formulas

$$^{\circ}\text{F} = 32 + (1.8 \times ^{\circ}\text{C})$$

$$^{\circ}\text{C} = \frac{^{\circ}\text{F} - 32}{1.8}$$



# THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS (SI)

Any prefix can be combined with any unit; e.g. milli- + ampere = milliampere (m + A = mA); kilo- + gram = kilogram (k + g = kg); mega- + hertz = megahertz (M + Hz = MHz).

## SI base units and prefixes

| unit     | symbol | quantity                  | prefix       | symbol | multiplier*       |
|----------|--------|---------------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| ampere   | A      | electric current          | yotta-       | Y      | $\times 10^{24}$  |
| candela  | cd     | luminous intensity        | zetta-       | Z      | $\times 10^{21}$  |
|          |        |                           | exa-         | E      | $\times 10^{18}$  |
| kelvin   | K      | thermodynamic temperature | peta-        | P      | $\times 10^{15}$  |
|          |        |                           | tera-        | T      | $\times 10^{12}$  |
| kilogram | kg     | mass                      | giga-        | G      | $\times 10^9$     |
| meter    | m      | length                    | mega-        | M      | $\times 10^6$     |
| mole     | mol    | amount of substance       | kilo-        | k      | $\times 10^3$     |
|          |        |                           | hecto-       | h      | $\times 10^2$     |
| second   | s      | time                      | deka-; deca- | da     | $\times 10$       |
|          |        |                           | deci-        | d      | $\times 10^{-1}$  |
|          |        |                           | centi-       | c      | $\times 10^{-2}$  |
|          |        |                           | milli-       | m      | $\times 10^{-3}$  |
|          |        |                           | micro-       | $\mu$  | $\times 10^{-6}$  |
|          |        |                           | nano-        | n      | $\times 10^{-9}$  |
|          |        |                           | pico-        | p      | $\times 10^{-12}$ |
|          |        |                           | femto-       | f      | $\times 10^{-15}$ |
|          |        |                           | atto-        | a      | $\times 10^{-18}$ |
|          |        |                           | zepto-       | z      | $\times 10^{-21}$ |
|          |        |                           | yocto-       | y      | $\times 10^{-24}$ |

\*  $10^2 = 10 \times 10 = 100$ ;  $10^3 = 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1,000$ ;  $10^{-1} = 1/10^1 = 0.1$ ;  $10^{-2} = 1/10^2 = 0.01$   
So, 2 km =  $2 \times 10^3$  meters = 2,000 meters; 2 mm =  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  meter = 0.002 meter.

## Common SI derived units with special names

| name           | symbol             | quantity   |
|----------------|--------------------|--|
| coulomb        | C                  | electric charge  |
| degree Celsius | $^{\circ}\text{C}$ | temperature ( $0^{\circ}\text{C} = 273.16 \text{ K}$ ) |
| hertz          | Hz                 | frequency  |
| joule          | J                  | energy; work   |
| newton         | N                  | force  |
| ohm            | $\Omega$           | electric resistance                                    |
| pascal         | Pa                 | pressure; stress                                       |
| volt           | V                  | electric potential; EMF                                |
| watt           | W                  | power  |

## Other common units used with the SI

| name                 | symbol | quantity  |
|----------------------|--------|---|
| hectare              | ha     | area ( $=10,000 \text{ m}^2$ or 2.471 acres)                            |
| knot                 | kn; kt | speed (navigation) ( $= 1 \text{ NM per hour or } 1.1508 \text{ mph}$ ) |
| liter                | l; L   | volume; capacity ( $= 1,000 \text{ cm}^3$ )                             |
| metric ton           | t      | mass ( $= 1,000 \text{ kg}$ )   |
| nautical mile (U.S.) | NM     | distance (navigation) ( $= 1.1508$ statute miles)                       |
| standard atmosphere  | atm    | atmospheric pressure ( $= 101,325 \text{ Pa}$ )                         |



# PRONUNCIATION KEY

## Vowel Sounds

| <i>Symbol</i> | <i>Key Words</i>  |
|---------------|---|
| a             | <u>a</u> t, ca <u>p</u> , pa <u>r</u> rot                         |
| ā             | a <u>p</u> e, pl <u>a</u> y, sa <u>i</u> l                        |
| ä             | c <u>o</u> t, fa <u>t</u> her, hea <u>r</u> t                     |
| e             | te <u>n</u> , wea <u>l</u> th, me <u>r</u> ry                     |
| ē             | ev <u>e</u> n, fe <u>e</u> t, mo <u>n</u> ey                      |
| i             | is, st <u>i</u> ck, mirr <u>o</u> r                               |
| ī             | ic <u>e</u> , hi <u>g</u> h, sk <u>y</u>                          |
| ō             | g <u>o</u> , o <u>p</u> en, t <u>o</u> ne                         |
| ô             | all, la <u>w</u> , ho <u>r</u> n                                  |
| oo            | co <u>u</u> ld, lo <u>o</u> k, pu <u>l</u> l                      |
| yoo           | cu <u>r</u> e, fu <u>r</u> ious                                   |
| ōō            | bo <u>o</u> t, cr <u>o</u> w, tu <u>o</u> ne                      |
| yōō           | cu <u>y</u> e, fe <u>y</u> , u <u>o</u> se                        |
| oi            | bo <u>y</u> , oi <u>l</u> , ro <u>y</u> al                        |
| ou            | co <u>u</u> , ou <u>t</u> , so <u>u</u> r                         |
| u             | mu <u>d</u> , to <u>u</u> n, bloo <u>d</u> ,<br>tr <u>o</u> uble  |
| ʌ             | he <u>r</u> , si <u>r</u> , wo <u>r</u> d                         |
| ə             | ag <u>o</u> , ag <u>e</u> nt, co <u>l</u> lect,<br>fo <u>c</u> us |
| ɪ             | cat <u>t</u> le, pa <u>d</u> dle                                  |
| ʼn            | sudd <u>e</u> n, sweet <u>e</u> n                                 |

## Consonant Sounds

| <i>Symbol</i> | <i>Key Words</i>  |
|---------------|---|
| b             | b <u>e</u> d, ta <u>b</u> le, ro <u>b</u>                 |
| d             | d <u>o</u> g, mi <u>d</u> dle, sa <u>d</u>                |
| f             | fo <u>r</u> , ph <u>o</u> ne, coug <u>h</u>               |
| g             | ge <u>t</u> , wigg <u>l</u> e, dog                        |
| h             | h <u>a</u> t, h <u>o</u> pe, a <u>h</u> ead               |
| hw            | wh <u>i</u> ch, wh <u>o</u> ite                           |
| j             | jo <u>y</u> , badg <u>e</u> , ag <u>e</u> nt              |
| k             | ki <u>l</u> l, c <u>a</u> t, qui <u>o</u> t               |
| l             | le <u>t</u> , yell <u>o</u> w, ba <u>l</u> l              |
| m             | me <u>e</u> t, num <u>o</u> ber, tim <u>e</u>             |
| n             | ne <u>t</u> , cand <u>l</u> e, ton <u>o</u>               |
| p             | pu <u>t</u> , sampl <u>e</u> , escap <u>e</u>             |
| r             | re <u>d</u> , wr <u>o</u> ng, bo <u>r</u> n               |
| s             | si <u>t</u> , castl <u>e</u> , offic <u>e</u>             |
| t             | to <u>p</u> , lett <u>e</u> r, cat                        |
| v             | voic <u>e</u> , ev <u>e</u> ry, lov <u>e</u>              |
| w             | w <u>e</u> t, alw <u>a</u> ys, qu <u>a</u> rt             |
| y             | y <u>e</u> s, cany <u>o</u> n, on <u>i</u> on             |
| z             | zo <u>o</u> , mis <u>e</u> ry, ris <u>e</u>               |
| ch            | ch <u>e</u> w, nat <u>u</u> re,<br>p <u>u</u> nc <u>h</u> |
| sh            | sh <u>e</u> ll, mach <u>i</u> ne,<br>bus <u>h</u>         |
| th            | th <u>i</u> n, noth <u>i</u> ng, truth <u>h</u>           |
| th            | th <u>e</u> n, oth <u>e</u> r, bat <u>h</u> e             |
| zh            | beig <u>e</u> , meas <u>u</u> re,<br>seiz <u>u</u> re     |
| ŋ             | ring <u>g</u> , ang <u>o</u> r, drink <u>g</u>            |

Symbols for foreign sounds are explained in the Guide to Pronunciation, p. ix.







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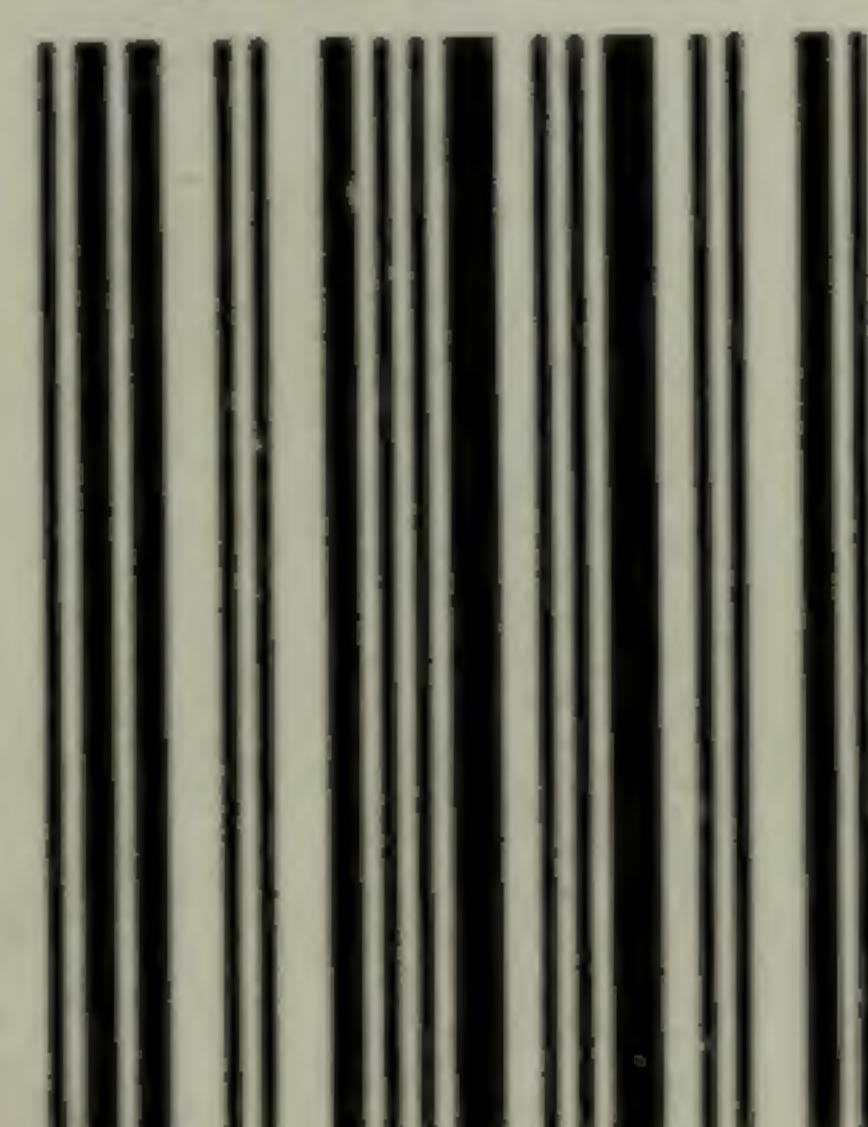
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